

## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### France Has To Decide

PERHAPS the most disturbing feature of the present conduct of the Indo-China war is the difference in the policies of the French who are fighting it and those of the Americans who are subsidising it, this year to the tune of more than one thousand million dollars. Feeling among French Parliamentarians appears to be unanimous that the war must be brought to an end by negotiations as soon as possible. The world can sympathise with their feelings for this hopeless war of "never-never" victories has dragged on for seven years, has cost the armies of the French and the Associated States 110,000 casualties and about £1,000,000 a day in money. The Americans, however, take a different view. The American service chiefs are calling a conference shortly to discuss a "new strategy" for the conduct of the war which involves sinking considerably more than 2,000 million dollars into Indo-China in various forms of aid in the next two years. They believe the power of the Vietnamese is weakening, that the "atmosphere is improving" and that the new strategy will probably result in victory for France in two years. Clearly the Americans have no intention of allowing the war to be concluded at present with the Vietnamese holding more than two-fifths of Indo-China. And since the French are accepting huge grants of American aid they can hardly complain of Washington interference.

THE French Premier, M. Laniel, has announced his terms for a truce. They can only be described as wishful thinking in the extreme in view of Mr. Molotov's latest foreign policy statement. M. Laniel wants the complete evacuation of rebels from Laos, Cambodia and southern Vietnam for a start. In short he is asking before any truce can be discussed that the Vietnamese should give up at least a third of the territory it now holds. France apparently has no proposal for the future of northern Vietnam which, with the exception of one or two isolated pockets, is virtually under complete Vietnamese control. Mr. Molotov has made it clear that the Communists want either (1) Ho Chi-minh to be represented at the forthcoming Geneva conference or (2) Vietnamese representation in the future Government of Vietnam. The second of these conditions would almost certainly be unacceptable to the French for to allow Vietnamese participation in the Vietnam Government would only mean delaying the day when the Communists would take over that State completely, pretext enough for a resumption of hostilities.

MR. Molotov has lost whatever enigmatic qualities he once possessed. His intentions today are crystal clear. At the Geneva conference he intends to play off France against America and his aim is that France should torpedo the EDC and thus foil German rearmament. He hopes to achieve this by paying lip service to French desires to end the Indo-China struggle and by playing on their fears of a revival of German militarism if the EDC treaty is ratified by the six signatory powers. For France to be duped by any Russian manoeuvre on the Indo-China question would be to write off all she has done there in the last seven years. It would be regarded as a capitulation to the Communists, and a disaster to the West which is slowly gaining the upper hand in the present cold war struggle.

## NAGUIB'S POWERS RESTRICTED

### Must Not Mix In Politics

#### NO LONGER ALLOWED TO TALK FOR GOVT

Cairo, Mar. 7.

The ruling military junta served notice today that restored President Mohammed Naguib no longer could "talk in the name of the government" and the Junta itself would remain in power after a Constituent Assembly is summoned to revive Egypt's Parliamentary life.

An official spokesman of the Revolutionary Council, which two weeks ago voted President Naguib out and back in again as President, said: "He must be absolutely neutral and not favour anyone; nor may he mix in politics. He has no right to talk in the name of the government any more."

In a separate announcement, another Junta spokesman, the Minister of National Guidance, Major Salah Salem, said the Revolutionary Council would carry on as the sovereign power in Egypt when the Constituent Assembly promised by President Naguib after his restoration comes into being. But the present military Cabinet, he added, would be replaced by a civilian Cabinet responsible to the Assembly.

Major Salem said the Revolutionary Council's mission would end only when general elections are called under the constitution to be established by the Constituent Assembly. It has not yet been decided, he told a press conference, whether the present military Cabinet or another will organise the elections for the temporary Assembly. Major Salem preferred the latter.

He said the officers of the Junta intended to quit the Army and enter politics as civilians. He hinted that the military-sponsored Liberation Rally backing the Junta may campaign as a political party in the promised general elections. A decision will be made on this point after the Constituent Assembly lays down the law governing the elections, he said.

The other spokesman, apparently referring to General Naguib's announcement of the Constituent Assembly, said this step in restoring the Parliamentary rule, suspended when King Farouk was deposed, actually was the idea of Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser.

Since November 1952, the spokesman said, Nasser has been in contact with leading personalities. The premier wants elite citizens of Egypt, including all sections of public opinion, represented in the Assembly, he said.

In Khartoum, the Sudanese capital rocked by anti-Egyptian riots after President Naguib flew there last week to attend the opening of Parliament, new precautionary measures were ordered against possible violence.

Barbed wire was placed around the Government-General's Palace, Ministry buildings and Parliament, apparently in preparation for the opening, postponed until Wednesday.

Forty-nine persons seized after the March 1 rioting, in which some 30 people were killed, were fined £5.—United Press.

## Death Of Film Censor Will Hays

Sullivan, Indiana, Mar. 7. Mr. Will H. Hays for 24 years "czar" of American film censorship, died here today aged 74. Mr. Hays, one-time Republican national chairman and Postmaster-General, left President Harding's Cabinet to "clean up" film production in the twenties. He had been ill since last October.

The American film industry agreed in 1930 to Will Hays' voluntary censorship, the "production code", to attain respectability at a time when social, religious and political leaders were denouncing the conduct of Hollywood's film stars and moral laxity in films.

In his first series of 12 "commandments," he banned scenes of sex in underwear and restricted kissing scenes.

He enforced his rule that Hollywood must become respectable so strictly that he cornered for 10 years the fact that he and his wife had separated by mutual consent.

Mr. Eric Johnston succeeded him as film censor when he retired in 1945.

The present administrator of Hollywood's "self imposed" code is Mr. Joseph Breen.—Reuter.

## Gales Cause Heavy Damage

Wellington, Mar. 7. Violent gales, driving rain and giant sea last night lashed towns along New Zealand's west coast, flooding streets and causing widespread damage.

Troops and sandbags units in and around Auckland battled against the rising tide to save homes, property and livestock threatened by damage to sea walls.

Communications and power services over a wide area have been affected.

Farmers and fruit growers face losses totalling many thousands of pounds as a result of the sudden storms, which ended a month-long drought in many parts of the North Island.—Reuter.

## Eight People Killed In New Avalanches

Vienna, Mar. 7. At least eight persons were crushed or smothered to death by avalanches in the Austrian Alps yesterday and today, raising the toll of victims of the "White Death" this year to at least 140.

Four more persons were reported missing and many others injured in the giant slides loosened by a week of warm Mediterranean winds. The latest casualties were weekend skiers seeking to take advantage of clear and sunny weather.

Radio warnings of "acute danger" of avalanches were beamed to ski resorts and mountain and valley towns throughout the Austrian Alps tonight. Germans on holiday died at Heimbach Pass in Tyrol Province, the police said. A

fourth member of the party

Two more German sportsmen were crushed to death at Reichenbach Pass in the Tyrol and an Austrian skier was killed at Frohndorf Pass in Styria Province.

An avalanche on Hangstberg Mountain in Salzburg Province buried 10 Austrians but all but one managed to escape.

Three persons were missing in a snowslide on the Great Schöberl Mountain in Tyrol, but there was little hope they would be found alive.

The "White Death" killed 132 persons in the week in January.

## Top Flight Reds Arrested

San Juan, Mar. 7. Puerto Rican police today arrested six top flight Communist leaders in the second straight day of action against the fanatical nationalism behind the Congressional shooting in Washington.

Police launched an island-wide search for four other Communist executives who, together with those arrested, made up the high command of the Puerto Rican party.

All were accused of being members of a subversive organization with intent to overthrow the Government, under a Puerto Rican law dealing with subversive activity.

While there was no official estimate as to the strength of the Communists in Puerto Rico, competent quarters said the party probably has no more than 100 members in the island.

DOCUMENTS CHECKED

It always has given full support to the Nationalist Party, whose members carried out the attempted assassination of President Truman in 1950 and the shooting of five Congressmen in Washington a week ago.

The acting General-Secretary of the Communists is Antonio Merab.

Meanwhile, Government investigators continued to check a stack of documents seized in the home of Albizu to see if the Nationalist leader was directly implicated in the shooting of the five US Congressmen last week.

The documents were taken from three drawers and a brief case yesterday when the police gassed and captured Albizu after a gun fight.

Campos' apartment contained a small arsenal of revolvers and guns, including three pistols of the type used by the Nationalist fanatics who shot up the US Congress.

Gov. Luis Munoz Marin praised the island police who arrested Albizu's apartment for "bringing everybody out without bloodshed".—United Press.

## Warship Crashes Into Wharf

Melbourne, Mar. 8. The Royal Australian Navy destroyer Balaram crashed into the wharf at the Sydney wharf, which he was backing up, today.

A big hole was gouged in the apron of the wharf and nearly a foot of reinforced concrete was displaced. The Balaram was not badly damaged.

Melbourne has been without tug for more than a month because of a strike by the

## HAIPHONG

### Wins 'Not Guilty' Verdict



Top picture shows Albert Kemp, who kept his wife's body in a trunk for four months, and who was found not guilty by a jury at Chelmsford Assizes recently on charges of murder and manslaughter. Above, Audrey Kemp, whose body was found in a trunk.—London Express Photos.

## Independence For Vietnam Negotiations

Paris, Mar. 8. Franco-Vietnamese negotiations open here today on independence for Vietnam, largest of the three Associated States of war-torn Indo-China.

The French hope of granting maximum independence to Vietnam within the French Union will strengthen their hand at the Geneva Far East conference on April 28.

The Laniel Government believes Geneva offers the best opportunity for ending the seven-year-old Indo-China war, which has cost France 110,000 casualties and strained her finances to breaking point.

Diplomats argue there are more prospects of success in dealing with Russia and Communist China than with the Vietnamese leader, Ho Chi-minh. The Associated States will be represented at Geneva.

The French Prime Minister, M. Joseph Laniel, has indicated France will take no lead in talking with the Vietnamese. In the National Assembly last Friday, he demanded a Vietnamese withdrawal from Laos, Cambodia and southern Vietnam, as well as from the rich Red River Delta as truce conditions.

Socialists, who demanded immediate ceasefire talks, said these were "terms of capitulation" rather than truce terms.

#### POSITION DAMAGED

On the eve of the Franco-Vietnamese negotiations, the position of the Vietnamese Government headed by Prince Bao Dai—who is leading his country's delegation—has been gravely damaged by a demand for immediate general elections, according to observers here.

The National Union Movement for Peace—representing most of Vietnam's anti-Communist nationalists—want these elections before the head of state, ex-Emperor Bao Dai, leaves Saigon for France early next week. Prince Bao Dai is a close relative of Bao Dai.

An official nationalist spokesman said in Saigon last night that "nationalist groups would take 'all possible action within the law' if Bao Dai persisted in turning down this request. He has so far refused election demands because of war-time difficulties.

Observers feel there is little likelihood of a nationalist revolt against the Bao Dai regime. But French Ministers, who have recently toured Indo-China, are seriously perturbed about the political situation in Vietnam.

It is expected the Franco-Vietnamese negotiations will wind up its Indo-China debate on Tuesday with a Government-sponsored motion including a reference to the need for a more representative Government in Vietnam.—United Press.

## AIRFIELDS ATTACKED

### RED TROOPS IN DARING ACTION City Under State Of Emergency

Hanoi, Mar. 7.

Red commandos attacked airfields in the suburbs of Haiphong, where American Air Force technicians are stationed, and a state of emergency has been decreed in the area, the French authorities announced tonight.

Details of the Red foray were not disclosed. But the boom of heavy artillery and the rattle of machine-guns were clearly audible in the China Sea port, where all American-supplied war materials for Northern Indo-China are unloaded.

A French Command spokesman said Haiphong was under a state of emergency since last night and this morning security measures "had to be reinforced".

Troop reinforcements were rushed to Catbi and Dason airfields and low-flying fighters and attack-bombers patrolled the area through the day. Haiphong is about 50 miles east of Hanoi. Stringent security precautions already had been taken around the harbour and the two airfields after the daring Red commando raid on Gilman airbase in the suburbs of Hanoi four days ago.

Some 325 US Air Force technicians are stationed in Indo-China to service American-supplied planes and to train French and native crews in their maintenance. In addition to these detachments at Catbi and Dason, technicians are based at the sprawling Tourane field on the Annam coast, 280 miles south of Hanoi.

VIETNAMESE BID Dason was attacked by rebels last month and several planes were damaged. French intelligence reports, disclosed today, said the Communist Vietnamese planned to attack airbases throughout Indo-China in a bid to smash French air supremacy.

Staff officers who disclosed the intelligence reports said orders were flashed to the bases to tighten security measures immediately.

The United States dispatched 325 non-combatants to Indo-China to help service newly-supplied American aircraft and train French and native crews to handle the planes. They were posted in rear areas and are due to return home in June at the latest.

Staff officers said the intelligence reports also disclosed that the rebel "generalissimo" Vo Nguyen Giap, has ordered his 70,000-man Army inside the French-held Red River delta to stop up harassing attacks against weak spots of the perimeter.

Simultaneously, officers said, Giap is moving the bulk of his army in Tonkin toward the delta—No 1 strategic area in Indo-China.

The increased rebel activity in areas the French had considered as safe followed Premier Joseph Laniel's announcement in the National Assembly that France would not agree to an armistice with the Vietnamese unless they pulled out of the Hanoi delta.

In defiance of the French condition for a ceasefire, the Reds today struck against a number of delta villages held by French-trained loyalist militia. The Red raiders overpowered an outpost northwest of Son Tay, only ten miles away from Hanoi, and kidnapped militiamen. The rebels also lashed out against an outpost near Hanoi, five miles south of Hanoi, but were beaten back with "some" losses, the French Command said.—United Press.

## FIRE PUT OUT

Plymouth, Mar. 7. A fire which broke out in a hold in the 7,000-ton British steamer Norman Monarch has been put out. Lloyd's shipping intelligence reported today.

Cargo in the hold is being discharged.

The Norman Monarch, carrying a consignment of matches, steamed over 200 miles back to Britain when the fire was discovered. She was on her way from Liverpool to West Africa.

Her crew shifted the matches away from the blazing hold and pumped steam in to prevent the fire spreading.—China Mail Special.

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## JAPAN'S DEFENCE PLANS

## ANNOUNCED

## To Have US Jet Fighters And Submarines

Tokyo, Mar. 7.

Japan is planning tentatively to have a quarter of a million men under arms within five years. She should also have about 155,000 tons of warships including submarines and some 1,200 planes, including latest American jet fighters.

These figures were given in a public statement by the Director General of the National Safety Agency, Mr. Tokutomi Kimura, who is more commonly referred to as "Minister for Defence."

Mr. Kimura based his estimate on the expectancy of American arms and money. It also depended on the United States relieving Japan of part of her financial obligation under the United States-Japan Mutual Security Pact.

Japan is under contract to pay about 62,000,000,000 Yen (about £2,000,000,000 sterling) as her share of the cost of garrisoning American troops here this year.

But she hopes to get this figure reduced on the promise that the money saved will be used for her own national defence programme.

If projected austerity measures leave the defence budget untouched, Japan will this year spend 81,000,000,000 Yen (about £2,800,000,000 sterling) on her own national defence plans alone.

This would be an increase of 20,000,000,000 Yen (about £2,000,000,000 sterling) on last year's spending.

Mr. Kimura hoped the ground forces would total 180,000 men by the end of 1955. After this, recruiting would slacken and more attention would be paid to improvements in equipment and advanced training.

## TEN DIVISIONS

By the end of the five years, Japan would have an army of ten divisions, or about the size of the United Nations expeditionary force in Korea.

Naval development would go hand in hand with American leasing of warships and Japan's own warship building programme.

Well-informed sources say manufacturers hope to build eight 300-ton and a submarine boat, three 60-ton patrol boats and three 30-ton minesweepers this year.

Scheduled American lend-lease, according to this source, was two 2,425-ton destroyers, three 1,630-ton destroyers, two 1,300-ton patrol boats and two 1,600-ton submarines.

These would supplement the 18 frigates and 50 patrol boats already leased to Japan and now in commission in the Japan Sea and along Japan's Pacific coast.

Mr. Kimura has set as his goal a navy of 40,000 men and 155,000 tons of war vessels.

## PLANS

## Queen Likes Taking Pictures Too



The Queen, watched by the Duke of Edinburgh, herself takes a picture of Hobart as the "Gothic" enters Hobart harbour.—Express Photo.

## They've Named A Crater On The Moon After The Garden Astronomer

For 29 years Mr Roland Clarkson, of Trimley, near Ipswich, has been going into his garden at night to study the moon through a portable telescope. Now he has been told that one of the moon's craters is to be given his name, according to latest reports from London.

## ROOSEVELT NOMINATED

Los Angeles, Mar. 7.

James Roosevelt, his political future within the Democratic Party at stake, tonight was named by the 26th District Nominating Committee to be its candidate for Congress despite charges of misconduct brought by his wife.

Frankly declaring that he had to offer himself as a candidate or let the charges stand against him as a "sign of guilt," Mr Roosevelt pleaded with the 100 delegates to endorse him as the Party's candidate.

It took two ballots for Mr Roosevelt to get the required majority. On the first ballot he polled 72 votes to 60 for lawyer Jerry Paehl.

On the second ballot he received 91 votes to 77 for his chief opponent and was declared officially the choice of the Party for the race.

A broad smile crossed the face of the late President's son as his election was announced and other prospective candidates trooped around him to congratulate him.

"Well," said Mr Roosevelt as he accepted the congratulations, "it looks like we have got to go to work now to put over our programme. These are loyal friends, not only to me but to what they believe in, and I will not let them down."

—United Press.

## Army Bored Him

London, Mar. 7.

An 18-year-old soldier who went to France "in a spirit of adventure" will have to serve a sentence of 28 days' detention, it was confirmed here today.

A court martial last month found Driver Derek Reid of the Royal Army Service Corps Training Battalion, Aldershot, guilty of being absent without leave from September 19 to November 7.

He told the court that he became bored while on leave and went to France with a friend to break the monotony. Their money ran out in Cannes and he was arrested in Avignon on October 30.—China Mail Special.

## Their Influence Will Be Divine

New Delhi.

Popular Indian "saints" (holy men) will shortly emerge from their isolated mountain caves and secluded "ashrams" (retreats) to meet at New Delhi to discuss the possibility of assisting the Government in national reconstruction work.

They have told India's President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, that they can arouse the interest of Indian masses in various development programmes through their "divine influence."

—China Mail Special.

## More Women Buying Shares In USA

Women are taking a greater interest than ever in Wall Street. A new survey discloses that 52 per cent of the stockholders in America's top 1,000 corporations listed on the New York Stock Exchange are women. So are 40 per cent of the customers of financial houses which specialise in bond investments.

In the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., one of the largest corporations in the United States, the ratio of stockholders is two to one in favour of women.

Mrs. Wilma Boss, president of the U.S. Federation of Women Shareholders, said today: "I believe that more and more women will take their savings out of banking accounts, out of kitchen jars, to invest in the market."

Mrs. Dorothy Phillips, executive manager of a \$25,000,000-a-year firm of brokers, said: "I am convinced, after studying the accounts of 2,000 women and 4,000 men, that women investors who consult the broker of Wall Street are more astute than men."

## Mr Truman's Reticence

New York, Mar. 7.

Former President Mr. Harry Truman said today he would not make any comment "on private fights in the Republican Party."

When reporters asked Mr. Truman about differences between the Army and Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, head of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, he said: "No, I don't want to make any comment."

Mr. Truman was also asked to comment on Mr. Adlai Stevenson's Miami Beach speech yesterday in which the 1952 Democratic Presidential nominee said that President Eisenhower had accepted McCarthyism as the Republican Party's "best formula for political success."

Mr. Truman said he had not read Mr. Stevenson's speech and would comment on it later. Then he added: "He always makes a good speech."

—Reuter.

## Picked Up 300-Year Old Anchor

Osland, Belgium, Mar. 7.

An Ostend fishing trawler hauled up in its nets off the coast a 300-year-old anchor weighing nearly two tons.

The anchor, believed to come from a Spanish galleon of Armada days, is over 12 feet long. It is to be placed in a local museum.—China Mail Special.

## French Party Backs M. Bidault

Paris, Mar. 7.

The Popular Republican Party's National Committee tonight expressed "profound satisfaction" at the calling of the Geneva conference on the Far East and called for an early debate in the French Parliament on ratification of the European Army Treaty.

After hearing a report from Foreign Minister Georges Bidault on the Berlin Big Four conference, the Committee congratulated him on arranging the Geneva talks which it said:

"By associating the Peking Government with all states interested in the cessation of the conflict in Indo-China, at last gives birth to a serious hope of seeing the independence of the Associated States of Indo-China confirmed in peace."

The Committee "again insists that the debate on the European Defence Community be engaged without delay in Parliament for it is equally urgent to fix France's external policy clearly and to free her internal policy from the mortgage which is paralysing the workings of Government."

## NO LONGER EXIST

Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Maurice Schumann had told the Committee: "After Berlin, no doubt can any longer exist about the profound intentions of the USSR in Europe, and nothing can any longer put off the hour when Parliament will have to take its responsibilities about the EDC."

Meanwhile, Gaullist spokesman Gaston Palewski was denouncing M. Bidault for refusing to barter the European Army plan in Indo-China.

"We shall oppose with all our strength every effort to face the Geneva conference with the accomplished fact of a Parliamentary vote on the European Defence Community," said Mr. Palewski in a speech in the National Assembly.

## To Climb On The Roof Of The World:

## Two Expeditions Leave For Himalayas

London, Mar. 7.

Members of two mountaineering expeditions—one British and the other New Zealand—left Southampton today, for India to climb conquered peaks in the Himalayas.

The aim of the small privately financed British party will be to explore climbing routes on the treacherous south-west face of the 28,146-foot Kangchenjunga—the world's third highest mountain.

The two members of this team who sailed today in the 14,280-ton liner Corfu for Bombay were 31-year-old Gilmour Lewis, Welsh mining engineer, and school teacher Jack Tucker, also 31. They are to join the other five members of their band in Darjeeling. Their reconnaissance will be led by Mr. John Kempe, 31, British Headmaster of a Hyderabad public school.

Mr. Gilmour Lewis said today he and Mr. Kempe had spied a possible route up Kangchenjunga while sailing the 24,000-foot Kabru in the same range last year.

"Our expedition is to explore that route for the benefit of any future party, not necessarily British, who attempt to reach the top. We shall be without oxygen or radio as it is not a full-scale assault," he said.

## MOST BEAUTIFUL

The icefields and steep slopes of Kangchenjunga, which has been described as the "most beautiful mountain in the world," have repulsed all expeditions in the past.

The last three attempts ended in disaster. The lightly equipped British expedition plans to set out in May and complete its reconnaissance before the monsoons break in July.

Also sailing in the Corfu today were three mountaineers of the New Zealand Alpine Club's 1954 expedition to the Himalayas, which is to be held by the Everest conqueror, Sir Edmund Hillary, at present lecturing in the United States.

The New Zealanders will split into three parties to assault several unclaimed summits of up to 25,000 feet to the south and southeast of Mount Everest.

## TAKING OXYGEN

The peaks include Chomolungma (29,012 feet), Annapurna (28,000 feet) and Ama Dablam (25,500 feet) as well as several which are unnamed.

Gear for the expedition includes oxygen for experimental purposes and radio equipment sent from America by Sir Edmund Hillary, who expects to join the rest of his party on the Nepalese border at the end of March.

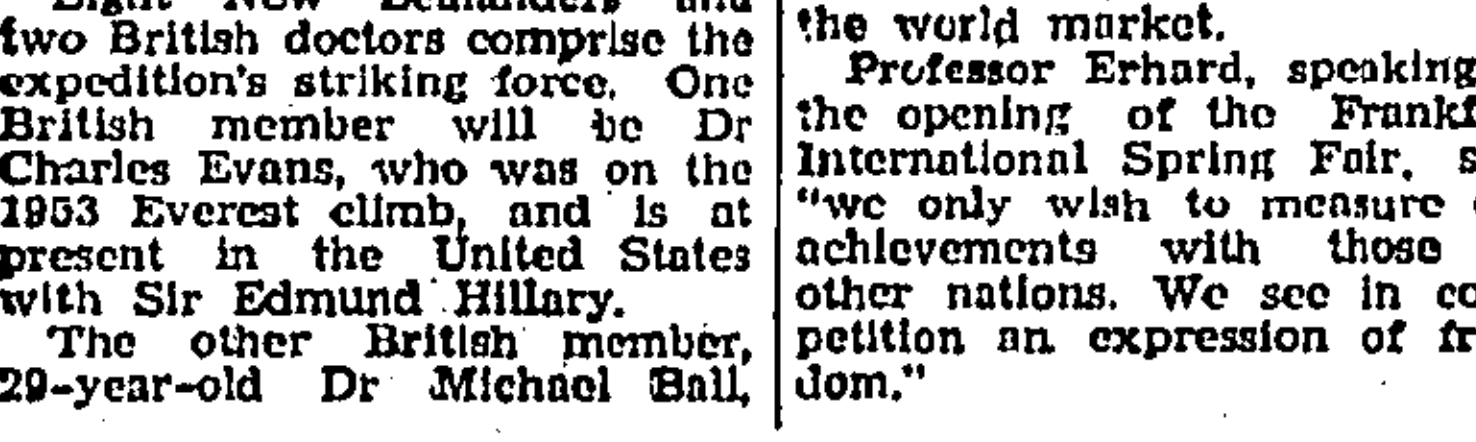
Food supplies, similar to those used by the victorious British Everest expedition last year, will be sent from New Zealand. Eight New Zealanders and two British doctors comprise the expedition's striking force. One British member will be Dr. Charles Evans, who was on the 1953 Everest climb, and is at present in the United States with Sir Edmund Hillary.

The other British member, 29-year-old Dr. Michael Ball, Frankfurt, Mar. 7.

Professor Ludwig Erhard, West German Economic Minister, said today he did not think increased West German exports would endanger the stability of the world market.

Professor Erhard, speaking at the opening of the Frankfurt International Spring Fair, said "we only wish to measure our achievements with those of other nations. We see in competition an expression of freedom."

## He Won The Golden Guinea



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## Pennies From Heaven

Brisbane, Mar. 7.  
St. John's Anglican Cathedral, Brisbane, is one-eighth nearer completion because of the weather.

An anonymous Queensland grazier sent the Dean a cheque for £A50,000 (£40,000 sterling)—an eighth of the sum needed to complete the cathedral—and a promise of more later if rain broke the drought on his property.

The rains came, and with them a telegram to the Dean: "Two and a half inches of rain—cheque £A20,000" (£16,000 sterling).—China Mail Special.

## Hospital Of Unusual Cases

Toronto, Mar. 7.

Doctors at the Hospital for Sick Children said the institution receives more unusual cases of sick children than any other place in North America.

Sometimes the fertile minds of doctors have to devise special technique to deal with rare problems.

One 22-month-old boy, known as Lorry, has to be stood on his head in order to eat. He recently underwent an operation for hernia, a malady which some children are born with.

It is painful to smile or yawn for another little 22-month-old boy, Lloyd, who was scalded.

Doctors said the treatment of burns and scalds had improved immensely over the last few years, and many children who would have died were being saved, and more comfortable while convalescing, and have fewer permanent scars.

A policy of the hospital is, bluntly, "there are to be no surprises on the staff." Nurses and attendants have been trained to be reassuring to children.

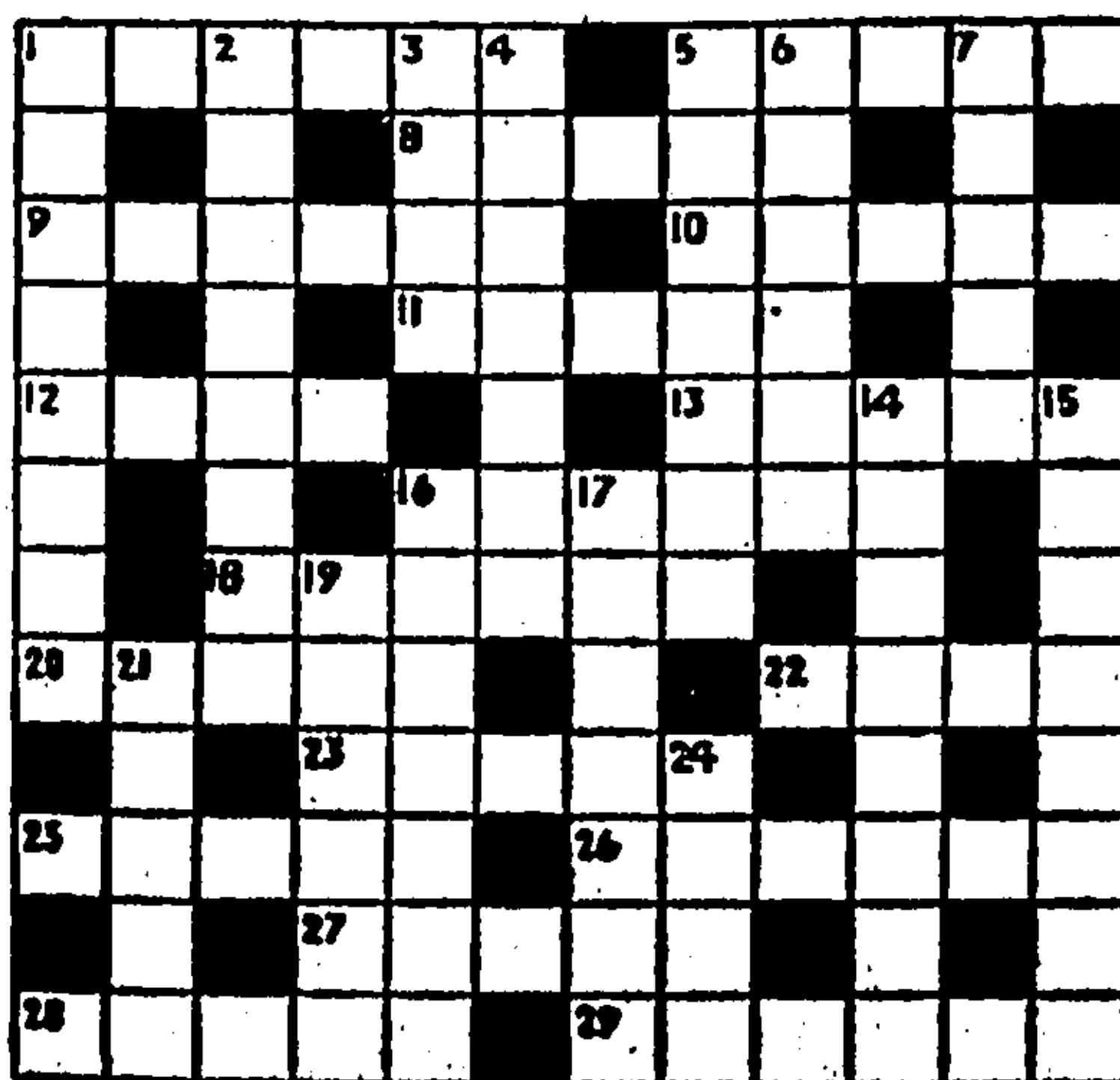
When one boy, Kenneth, arrived at the hospital he thought he would never see his mother again, for she was living in Lander Lake and could get to see him only on rare occasions.

Kenneth, who suffered from nephritis, a kidney ailment, ultimately was sorry to leave the hospital, the cheerful nurses, and the many children he played with.

When his first birthday arrived the hospital staff baked him a cake with candles.

The hospital's occupational therapy staff, which specialises in what one nurse described as "a sort of highly organised play," taught him to make things such as neckties.—United Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

- 1 Rash person (8).
- 2 Army rank (6).
- 3 He looks after horses (5).
- 4 Sweetmeat (6).
- 5 Tend (5).
- 6 Evil spirit (5).
- 7 Chain of rocks (4).
- 8 Conclude (5).
- 9 Distant (6).
- 10 Merchant (6).
- 11 Falls to win (5).
- 12 Wan (4).
- 13 Sparse (5).
- 14 Pigment (5).
- 15 Mended (5).
- 16 Smooth (5).
- 17 Endures (5).
- 18 Melt down (6).

## DOWN

- 1 Important (8).
- 2 Turns aside (8).
- 3 Old (4).
- 4 Arranged as feathers (7).
- 5 Perfect (7).
- 6 Charm (8).
- 7 Ejects (5).
- 8 Kept (8).
- 9 Bring about (8).
- 10 Rogues (7).
- 11 Wind about (7).
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- 13 Musical work (5).
- 14 Capture (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1. Belost, 5. Cupid, 8. Till, 9. Orator, 11. Agree, 12. Depart, 14. Side, 15. Exude, 18. Abode, 19. Prey, 20. Elucid, 24. Amber, 25. Sedate, 26. Trod, 27. Dress, 28. Nestle. Down: 1. Boom, 2. Head, 3. Stop, 4. Trade, 5. Clatter, 6. Portray, 7. Drained, 10. Teard, 13. Dastard, 14. Soluble, 15. Deserts, 17. Rahib, 19. Priken, 21. Cede, 22. Tort, 23. Mare.



# The Girls Find Big Business On Ice

By JOHN WILLIAMS

THE girls who skim and pirouette, fairy-like, in the shimmering ice shows, are Big Business today.

For the amateur, the road to the top gets harder, and the first steps are the most difficult of all, as Britain's smiling Erica Batchelor knows.

She has just returned to England from the international championships in Norway with a bronze medal in her pocket and a fortune in show business—that is, should she agree to turn professional.

But taking the short view, she and her mother are at least £450 poorer since January 1.

ing teachers. Clemma Cowley's father runs a green-grocery in Brighton as a sideline to radio repairing so that she may skate.

No wonder then that, among some of the foreign girls, "shamateurism" is rampant.

Just now, so many so-called amateurs are taking near-bribes that the N.S.A. and other governing bodies are planning to counter-attack.

Many "amateur" skaters are going the rounds of the big Continental hotels for six months of the year, obviously living in luxury beyond their legitimate allowances.

## Money spinner

They have been on the figure skating circuit through Northern Italy, Switzerland and Norway for 50 days.

The trip cost each well over £200.

Erica received £45 expenses from the National Skating Association. In hotels she got cut prices by attracting customers who wanted to watch her training on nearby rinks and skating in galas.

## No allowance

BUT travelling expenses are reckoned on competitors travelling third class by the shortest route. Hotel terms make no allowance for special training diets. No allowance is made for altered programmes or extra days spent training. And trainers and accompanying relatives obtain no reductions.

Not all amateurs have moneyed fathers. Nesta Davies and Paul Thomas, Britain's runners-up in the pair dancing are shop assistant and clerk. Erica Batchelor's parents are skat-

THE root of the problem is that big-time ice shows are a terrific money-spinning attraction. And show business agents, going the rounds with the amateurs, offer the girls every inducement to turn professional.

Until they do so, many of the girls are really only training for the day when they will start to amass a fortune. Any fun they now get out of their six hours a day work on the ice is purely incidental. And nowadays a girl skater of 18 is a veteran.

Maybe this is not entirely bad for the sport. Kids are doing double jumps and loops which Britain's Cecilia Colledge and Megan Taylor, Norway's Sonja Henie and Canada's Barbara Ann Scott never contemplated.

But cash ambitions are driving amateur technique to the human limit. In a desperate effort to hold her title, America's tall, slender Tenley Albright failed in three gambits unprecedented in women's skating.

No wonder the lure to turn professional is great. The skat-

ing is easier, and fortunes are quickly made.

Even in 1930, Sonja Henie was guaranteed 300,000 dollars (more than £107,000) a quarter. Now she gets 25,000 dollars (£3,900) for half an hour on television. In six months in Europe last year she personally netted 800,000 dollars (£285,000).

That is because colourful ice shows are "universal entertainment," as the tycoons say. They are killing ice hockey, drawing ever more spectators. Yet they require little skating skill—not a fraction of that demanded in exacting amateur competitions.

So why should the girls want to go on worrying about limited amateur expense allowances when there is anything from £250 to £2,500 a week round the corner in show business?

## The NEW exploits of SHERLOCK HOLMES

CELIA FORSYTHE lowered her head, and tears glimmered in her eyes. "Now, Mr. Holmes, I have been frank with you. I beg that you will be equally frank with me. What did you write in that letter?"

The question was so startling that I, for one, leaned back in my chair. Sherlock Holmes's face was without expression. His long, nervous fingers reached out for the tobacco in the Persian slipper, and began to fill a clay pipe.

"In the letter, you say?" he stated rather than asked.

"Yes! You wrote that letter. I saw your signature. That is why I am here!"

"Dear me!" remarked Holmes. He was silent for several minutes, the blue smoke curling about him, and his eyes fixed vacantly upon the clock on the mantel-shelf.

"There are times, Miss Forsythe," he said at last, "when one must be guarded in one's replies. I have only one more question to ask you."

"Well, Mr. Holmes?"

"Did Lady Mayo still preserve her friendliness for Mr. Charles Hendon?"

"Oh, yes! She became quite attached to him. More than once I heard her address him as Alice, apparently her nickname for him." Miss Forsythe paused, with an air of doubt, and even suspicion. "But what can you mean by such a question?"

Holmes rose to his feet. "Only, madam, that I shall be happy to look into this matter for you. You return to Groxton Low Hall this evening."

"Yes. But surely you have more to say to me than this? You have answered not one of my questions!"

"Well, well! I have my methods, as Watson here can tell you. But if you could find it convenient to come here, say a week from this day, at nine o'clock in the evening? Thank you. Then I shall hope to have some news for you."

Palpably it was a dismissal. Miss Forsythe rose to her feet, and looked at him so forlornly that I felt the need to interpose some word of comfort. "Be of good cheer, madam!" I cried, gently taking her hand. "You may have every confidence in my friend Mr. Holmes; and, if I may say so, in myself as well."

During the dreary week which followed I occupied myself as best I might. I played billiards with Thurston, I smoked many pipes of Ship's, and I pondered over the notes in the case of Mr. Charles Hendon. One does not associate for some years with Sherlock Holmes without becoming more observant than most. It seemed to me that some dark and sinister peril hung over that poor young lady, Miss Forsythe, nor did I trust either the too-handsome Charles Hendon, or the enigmatic Lady Mayo.

I was rewarded by a gracious and grateful smile. When the door had closed behind our fair visitor I turned to my companion with some asperity. "I do feel, Holmes, that you might have treated the young lady with more sympathy."

"Oh? Sets the wind in that quarter?"

"Holmes, for shame!" said I, flinging myself into my chair. "The affair is trivial, no doubt. But why should you have written a letter to this clock-breaking madman I cannot conjecture."

Holmes leaned across and laid his long, thin fore-finger upon my knee. "Watson, I wrote no such letter."

"What? Is it not the first time my name has been borrowed by others? There is devilry here, Watson, else I am much mistaken."

"You take it seriously, then?"

"So seriously that I leave for the Continent tonight."

"For the Continent? For Switzerland?"

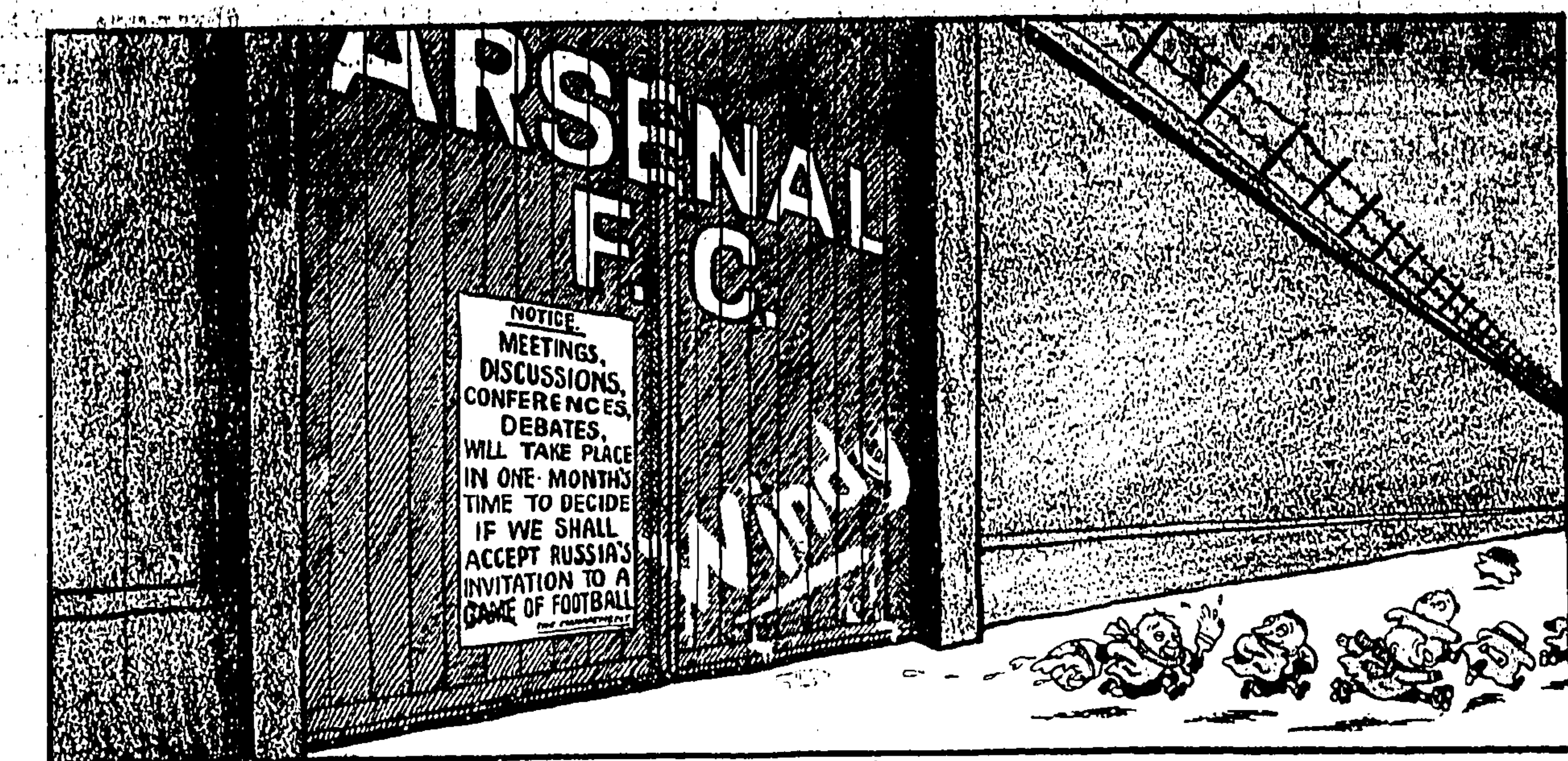
"No, no; what have we to do with Switzerland? Our trail lies further afield."

"Then where do you go?"

"Surely that is obvious!"

"My dear Holmes!"

"Yet nearly all the data are before you, and as I informed Miss Forsythe, you know my methods. Use them, Watson. Use them!"



"That'll make 'em accept."

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## Continuing the Adventure of the SEVEN CLOCKS... by Adrian CONAN DOYLE and John DICKSON CARR

### WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR

Into Sherlock Holmes's Baker Street rooms one cold and foggy November morning comes Miss Celia Forsythe, a beautiful young girl. She is employed by Lady Mayo as a companion, and she tells Holmes a strange story:

While she and Lady Mayo were travelling in Switzerland a fortnight previously, they met a Mr. Charles Hendon, with whom they became friendly—and with whom, indeed, Miss Forsythe had fallen in love. Mr. Hendon, however, had an eccentricity which alarmed Miss Forsythe—he could not endure the sight of a clock. For no explicable reason he had already smashed two clocks and had buried or hidden five others. One morning a letter arrived for him. After reading it Mr. Hendon had turned pale and had then departed with all his luggage, leaving no message.

scale map of Surrey? Thank you." His voice grew more harsh. "What's this, what's this?"

"My dear fellow," I expostulated, "can you read villainy in a map?"

"Open country, Watson. Fields, woods. The nearest railway station fully three miles from Groxton Low Hall!" Holmes groaned. "Miss Forsythe, Miss Forsythe, you have much to answer for!"

The young lady fell back a step in amazement.

"I have much to answer for?" she cried. "Can you credit me, sir, when I tell you that so much continued mystery has all but driven the wit from my head? Neither Charles nor Lady Mayo will speak a word."

one hand on the mantelpiece to steady herself.

"Mr. Holmes!" she began, and then, seemed to change her mind. "There are frequent trains to Groxton station, which, as you say, is three miles from the Hall. Indeed, there is one in twenty minutes."

"Excellent!"

"But we must not take it."

"Must not take it, madam?"

"I have had no time to tell you, but Lady Mayo herself now appeals to you for help. Only this afternoon I persuaded her, Lady Mayo requests that we three take the 10.25, which is the last train. She will meet us at Groxton station with the carriage."

Miss Forsythe bit her lip. "Lady Mayo herself her kindness is—impossible. We must not miss that last train!"

And yet we very nearly missed it. Having forgotten streets of frozen mud, and the crush of vehicles under blue, spluttering arc-lamps we arrived at Waterloo only just in time.

PRESENTLY, as the train emerged into open country, our dim-lit compartment took on a greater quality of earnest with each click of the wheels.

Holmes sat silent, bending slightly forward. I could see his hawk-like profile, under the fore-and-aft cap, clear-cut against the cold radiance of a full moon. It was nearly half-past eleven when we alighted at a wayside station whose village had long been lightless and asleep.

Nothing stirred here. No dog barked. Near the station stood an open landau, without a clink of harness from the horses.

Bolt upright sat the coachman, as motionless as the squat elderly lady who sat in the back of the landau, watching us steadily as we approached.

Miss Forsythe eagerly began to speak, but the elderly lady, who was wrapped in grey fur and had a good deal of nose, raised a hand to forestall her.

"Mr. Sherlock Holmes!" said she, in a singularly deep and musical voice. "And this other gentleman, I take it, is Dr. Watson, I am Lady Mayo."

She scrutinised us for a moment with a pair of singularly sharp and penetrating eyes.

"Pray enter the landau," she continued. "You will find quite a number of carriage-rugs. Though I deplore the necessity of offering an open conveyance on so cold a night, my coachman's fondness for fast driving, and she indicated the driver, who hunched up his shoulders, "has contrived to break the axle of the closed carriage. To the Hall, Billings! Make haste!"

The whip cracked. With an uneasy swing of the rear wheels, our landau was off at a smart pace along a narrow road bordered with spiky hedgerows and skeleton trees.

"But I did not mind," said Lady Mayo. "Look! Mr. Holmes! I am a very old woman, my youth was a time of fast driving; ay, and fast living, too!"

"Was it also a time of fast dying?" asked my friend. "Such a death, for instance, as may overtake our young friend tonight?"

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The Adventure of the Seven Clocks will be concluded tomorrow.

# ARE YOU ARMED? ASKED HOLMES



"You will be good enough to show me that envelope, my man," he said.

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he is not without wit. No sooner had he left Switzerland, than he must have divined that the false letter was a decoy to trap him. But I lost him. Where is he now? And be good enough to explain why you should call him a scoundrel."

"I spoke, perhaps, in the heat of the moment. Yet I cannot help disliking the fellow."

"Why?"

"In one of doubtless exalted positions, a certain elaborateness of manner is permissible. But he bows too much! He makes scenes in public. He affects the Continental habit of addressing an English lady as 'madame,' instead of an honest 'madam.' Holmes it is all confoundedly un-English!"

My friend regarded me strangely as though taken aback and was about to reply when we heard the clatter of a four-wheeler drawing up outside our street-door. Less than a minute later Celia Forsythe was in the room, followed by a small hard-looking, dogged man in a bowler hat with a curly brim. From his mutton-chop whiskers I deduced him to be Trephey, the manservant.

Miss Forsythe's face was aglow with the cold. She wore a short fur jacket, and carried a dainty muff.

"Mr. Holmes," she burst out without preamble. "Charles is in England!"

"So I had already supposed. And where is he?"

"At Groxton Low Hall. I should have sent a telegram yesterday, save that Lady Mayo forbade me to do so."

"Fool that I am!" said Holmes, striking his fist upon the desk. "You spoke of his isolation. I think, Watson, will you please take with the large"

HE stood at his desk, his back to the door, and the light of the green-shaded desk-lamp falling over him as he ripped open envelopes in a small pile of correspondence. At the opening of the door he turned round, but his face fell.

"Ah, Watson, it is you. I had hoped to see Miss Forsythe. She is late."

"By heaven, Holmes! If those scoundrels have harmed the young lady, I swear they shall answer to me!"

"I refer to Mr. Charles Hendon, and, though it grieves me to say as much about a woman, to Lady Mayo as well."

"The harsh, eager lines of his face softened."

"Good old Watson!" said he. "Always hurrying to the rescue of beauty you have made of it, upon occasion."

"Then I trust," I replied with dignity, "that your own mission on the Continent was a success?"

"A tough, Watson! Pray forgive my outburst of nerves. No, my mission was not a success. It seemed to me that I had a European city whose name you will readily infer. I went there, and returned in what I fancy is record time."

"Well?"

"The Mr. Hendon, Watson, is a badly frightened man. Yet"

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## ST. JOSEPH'S 0, SOUTH CHINA 8

## THE SAINTS HAD LITTLE MORE THAN JUST SOME GRIT AND DETERMINATION

By I. M. MacTAVISH

This game at the Club Stadium yesterday was not even serious match practice for South China. They were so much in command of the situation that several of the players finished the game without so much as raising a sweat.

St. Joseph's on this display have many problems and they had little more than grit and determination to keep them going to the end.

South China were without Ko Po-keung and Yui Cheuk-yin but it made not the slightest difference to their play. The left wing pairing of Mok Chun-wah and Chu Wing-wah was a great success, as well as providing real soccer entertainment. These two little men were soccer giants in everything except the art of finishing off their brilliant outfield play and they kept the small crowd in happy mood until the end.

It is difficult to know what the real score of this game should have been for, apart from the fact that the South China forwards missed countless chances, the Saints were also serious sinners in this respect.

Centre-forward Kwok Yung-lok and Little Chu Wing-wah missed chance after chance at one end, and while they were doing this, Peck, Bradford and Xavier were doing their own spot of squandering simple opportunities at the other.

The game got off to a quiet start with South China immediately on the attack and before the Saints had a chance to admire the scenery the Champions were one up.

The Green and White defence got in a terrible muddle and before they could straighten out, South China had two goals. The first was scored by Little Chu Wing-wah, who had more blazes than lightning.

AT REGULAR INTERVALS Goals came at regular intervals throughout the game and only St. Joseph's and Nash offered any real resistance to the Chinolite Hill boys. Kwok Yung-lok helped himself to four goals, Lee Yui-tak got two, and Chu Wing-wah got one.

Some of the goals were very good ones but several of them were due to lack of defence in the Saints' defence. One of the counters is worth mentioning, however, as it came as the result of the best bit of football in the whole game.

The move started right away back in the South China defence line with Lee Yui-tak slipping the ball crossfield to Tong Sheung. The left half sent a square pass to Lee Yui-tak and he in turn split the defence wide open by sending the ball between Bradford and Castillo to Chu Wing-wah on the right wing.

This youngster having the ball in the centre, sent a curved ball almost to the line and sent an inch perfect cross to the head of Kwok Yung-lok who took it perfectly into the net. This was a magnificent goal, but it was not the only one. Kwok Yung-lok scored another goal when he lashed a right foot shot into the bottom right hand corner of the goal.

For the winners, who might easily have put up a record score, every player made some positive contribution to the victory. Goalkeeper Pau Kin-yin showed once again that he is right back to top form, and he got staunch support from both backs.

Tong Sheung was the complete wing-half although he seldom had to exert himself above a jog-trot. Lau Chi-ning again did well in the pivot position, but in spite of this I am sure that the Champions will be glad to see Ko Po-keung back in action.

The forward line fired in all cylinders and the South China officials must be happy to know that they have youngsters like Chan Chee-kong in reserve.

In a St. Joseph's side that failed to maintain the form that brought a recent victory over Kwong Wah, few reputations were enhanced. Davey in goal had a strange mixture of a game. He made some very clever clearances but he should have saved several of the goals that beat him.

## NOTICE

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 9th Race Meeting 1953/54 to be held on Saturday 20th and Saturday 27th March, 1954, (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday 9th March, 1954.

By Order of the Stewards,  
H. MISA,  
Secretary.

Rocha was in constant trouble against an ultra-clever left wing and only Schultz and Swinburn had any real success in defence. Roche looked very uncomfortable at left half in the forward line only Nash made any claim to class although Xavier, with his speed, occasionally caused Lau Yee concern.

VERDICT: South China won this game as they liked. One of the biggest worries facing the Saints is that some of their forwards are growing a bit old for first class soccer especially so for the present time.

What a grand player is Tong Sheung. He ambled or walked through this game, yet finished up the best player on the field.

THE TEAMS  
St. Joseph's: Davey, Rocha, Hahn, Swinburn, Schultz, Roche, Xavier, Peck, Bradford, Castillo, Nash, Castillo.

South China: Pau Kin-yin, Lok Tak-hai, Lau Yee, Tong Sheung, Lau Chi-ning, Tong Yui-tak, Kwok Yung-lok, Chu Wing-wah, Mok Chun-wah.

EASTERN 0, ARMY 3  
Eastern were given an opportunity on Saturday at the Club Stadium of upsetting the Army team which has recently claimed a much deserved place in the top flight of the present time.

The Soldiers were never in any danger of losing and, after Reeves scored the third goal, they made no serious effort to press home their advantage.

The story of the game starts and finishes in the Army half-back line where Longland, Hughes and Higgins had such a powerful grip on the play that they always appeared to be a solid unit of defence.

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From the first whistle the Soldiers moved into the attack and it was no surprise when Doyle finished off some neat play by hooking the ball into the net.

Bennett was again giving defence plenty of trouble but Feng Sai-chow was also giving a good account of himself in the net.

As results of matches become known, it may be possible to arrange additional games, and where possible, players are asked to hold themselves in readiness to play at short notice.

Holmes v Moore; Kite & Mrs Todd v Macpherson & Miss Livingston; Mr & Mrs Storey v Cooke & Mrs Fawcett; Walsh v Weir; Agarwal & Mrs Fowler v Walkers & Mrs Al-Brown.

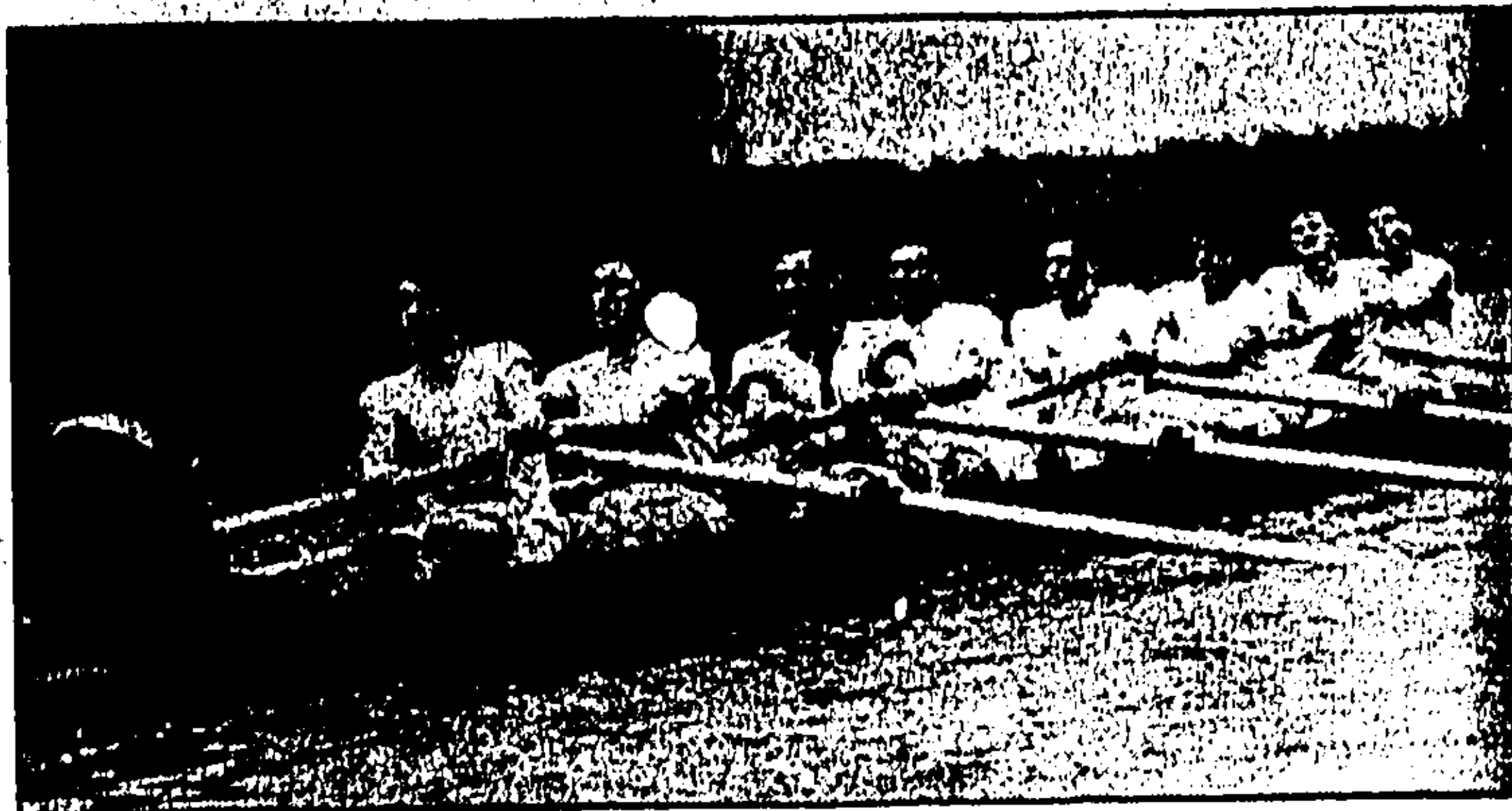
TOMORROW  
W/O Coxhead & Beadall/Williams & Hopkins v Harbutt & Blackford; Heenan v Macpherson.

WEDNESDAY  
Kite & Storey v Cooke & Walker; Coxhead v Williams; Pritchard v W/O Walsh/Weir.

THE GAMBOLES  
WHERE ARE THE SCISSORS?  
IN THE TOP DRAWER

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## PREPARING FOR THE 100TH RACE



The Oxford crew training on the Thames at Wallingford where they are preparing for the 100th race against Cambridge which takes place over the course from Putney to Mortlake on April 3.

They are R. A. Wheldon (bow), J. G. McLeod, A. N. Marshall, R. D. T. Raikes, J. A. Gobbo, H. M. G. Quick, E. O. G. Paine, J. J. H. Harrison (stroke) and W. R. Marsh (cox).—Central Press Photo.

## Good Performances At University Sports

By "RECORDER"

There was considerable activity in the local athletic world over the week-end and some good performances. Chan Wai-chuen's Shot Put record of 42 feet 3 inches in the invitational event held in connection with the University Sports was the most notable.

The South China giant, after some four or five coaching sessions under the guidance of Mr G. B. Gurevitch, showed that the three-foot improvement on his previous best was there to stay.

He was over 42 feet on two puts—the fourth and fifth—plus another well over 42 feet on a no throw, had one more over 41 feet and two more over 40 feet. He beat Li J. F. Greer's Colony record—one of the oldest in the HKAAA list—by a foot and a half.

He did not quite steal the show from University's Ng Chuan-wai, who won the other invitational event—the Long Jump—with 21 feet 5 1/2 inches. Breaking Lee Zau-long's 15-year-old University record by 1 1/2 inches. He was over 21 feet on four of five jumps, having another of 21 1/2. The remaining two were a no jump and one just short of 21 feet.

It is a pity that the University Victor Ludorum hasn't had any experience in the Polo Vault or High Hurdles, as he is an excellent Decathlon prospect. He won the Discus Throw at 105 feet 3 inches and the Javelin Throw at 122 feet 3 1/2.

Manila Prepares For Soccer Game Against Colony  
Manila, Mar. 7.  
The annual Interport series between Manila and Hongkong will be held in the third week of March in Hongkong, the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation's Executive Committee announced yesterday.

Forty players recruited from different local leagues will undergo training for both the Interport series and the forthcoming Asian Games.

Mr Antonio Beltran, former La Salle player and member of the PAAF Football Committee, has been named to supervise the training of the football team for the Hongkong meet.

The Committee also accepted the proposal of the Grasshopper Football Club of Zurich to play three games here between next December and February, 1955.

The Grasshoppers, considered to be one of the best teams in Europe will also play in Hongkong.—France-Press.

BRAZIL BEAT PARAGUAY  
Asuncion, Paraguay, Mar. 7.  
Brazil maintained their unbeaten record in Group 12 of the World Soccer Cup qualifying competition, when they defeated Paraguay 1-0 here today. Chile is the other nation competing in this group.—Reuters.

CLEAN SWEEP  
The Hongkong Amateur Athletic Club made a clean sweep of it in the Open Mile at the University Sports, J. P. MacMahon, C. J. Grant and W. E. Nisbet, filling the first three places. MacMahon won in 4 minutes 58.8 seconds with the second and third both under five minutes.

Nisbet was to prove himself one of the most versatile athletes in the history of the Colony when he won the HKAAA Pentathlon Championship the following day at King George V School by a margin of 11 points over Tony Collaco. The RAF Pinner athlete needed a discus throw of 93 feet to win. He managed 103 feet 3 inches in the Shot Put, which was quite a throw—his second ever over 100 feet.

Stephen Xavier, who finished 40 1/2 points behind Nisbet in third place could have won the competition with a Long Jump of 21 feet 8 1/2 inches, but couldn't go further than 18 1/2.

PENTATHLON  
W. A. Nisbet won the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Club's Second Annual Pentathlon Championship yesterday, when the competition was held at the King George V School grounds, which were lent by the 14th permission of the Principal, Mr A. L. Potter.

The result was decided on the points gained by the competitors in five events comprising the quarter mile run, shot put, high jump, discus and long jump.

Only four of the seven entries participated and Nisbet, although heading the list in points gained in only two of the five events, proved sufficiently versatile in the others to gain the title.

But he did not do this without a good fight from A. E. Collaco who recorded better performance than the winner in three of the five events, to earn the runner-up position in the final standings. Collaco was outclassed in the discus and this proved fatal to his bid for the title.

The other two competitors were Stephen Xavier and J. M. Beasley.

At the conclusion of the contest, Mrs M. T. Xavier, who was introduced by the Rev. Father D. Lawler, S.J., Chairman of the HKAAC presented the trophy to W. A. Nisbet and a medal to the runner-up.

The following were the performance figures returned by the prize winners:

W. A. Nisbet: 440 yds—00.5 secs; Shot put—33 ft 10 ins; high jump—4 ft 8 ins; Discus—103 ft 3 ins; long jump—17 ft 7 ins.

A. E. Collaco: 440 yds—50.3 secs; Shot put—30 ft 2 ins; high jump—5 ft 1 in; Discus—72 ft 6 ins; long jump 18 ft 3 ins.

CUP TIE TICKETS AMONG LOOT  
London, Mar. 7.  
Thieves broke into the manager's office at Leyton Orient's football ground here during the night and stole Cup tie tickets and £200 in cash.—China Mail Special.

## HOME-SOCCER-REVIEW

## West Bromwich Improve Chances For Coveted Double

London, Mar. 6.

West Bromwich Albion, though held to a draw by Sheffield United, who are fighting against relegation, appeared to have improved their chances of accomplishing the rare feat of Football League Championship and Cup double.

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West Bromwich missed a great opportunity to-day to make their League position even more secure.

They led 2-0 and seemed well on the way to a comfortable win when Sheffield United, inspired by the brilliance of inside forward Jimmy Esson, fought back magnificently to equalise in the last 25 minutes of the game.

The lapse cost the leaders little in the championship race for Wolverhampton, their nearest challengers, went down to Manchester United 1-0.

The Wolverhampton defence in which 18-year-old Edwin Clapp made a satisfactory debut at left half, had to withstand a severe battering before conceding the goal five minutes before time.

Tottenham were one of three surviving Cup sides beaten to-day.

Sheffield Wednesday also lost at home 2-1 to Cup holders Blackpool, and Leyton Orient crashed 4-2 at Walsall.

CUP SIDES SUCCESSFUL  
Successful Cup sides were Preston, Bolton, Leicester and Port Vale.

Liverpool who have been spending heavily on transfers, appear doomed for relegation to the Second Division. They crumbled against the superior football of Huddersfield, whose new centre-half, 17-year-old Ken Taylor, gave an impressive display.

Another new-comer to League football, Chelsea's 19-year-old goalkeeper, Michael Collins, was beaten three times but Chelsea fought back to defeat Cardiff 3-2.

Two more young goalkeepers made their League debut to-day. Fulham's 18-year-old Brian Ronson made two errors late in the game which enabled Blackburn to snatch a win. Twenty-year-old Fred Elsey played his part well in Preston's defeat of Manchester City.

Youth and experience were thrown in sharp relief at Charlton. Goalkeeper Sam Bartram was playing his 500th League game for the club while Rodney Henwood, 22-year-old outside left, made his first appearance for Portsmouth.

The match drew the best crowd, nearly 40,000, since October at Charlton, and the home side won 3-1 to gain their first victory over Portsmouth since the war.

All three clubs at the head of the Second Division were successful to-day. Leicester and Everton share first place with Blackburn third.

Leicester's £15,000 signing Jack Froggatt had a fine game at centre-forward. He has played centre-half and outside-left for England.

LEADERS LOSE  
In the Third Division South-east section, Southampton came up as serious promotion candidates. The leaders, Brighton and Ipswich both lost, and Southampton, who beat Tottenham, are now only four points behind with a game in hand.

Walsall's victory over Cup giant killers Leyton Orient, marked the first time this season they had managed to win two successive matches.

Port Vale kept their convincing lead in the Northern section, but their success on a heavy pitch at Tranmere was not as convincing as the 3-1 score indicates. Their celebrated defence often looked shaky and Tranmere had only their own poor marksmanship to blame.

Six points behind are Gateshead, Bradford City and Barnsley. All won to-day, Bradford's being their seventh victory in succession.

HEARTS DEFEATED  
One of the surprises in Scottish football was the defeat of Division "A" leaders Hearts, who failed with a penalty when two down to Ralsh Rover. They played well enough but they did not win. They lead their division by five points from Celtic and Aberdeen.

Celtic proved the too strong for East Fife when they beat 4-1. Dundee defeated Dundee United in well by scoring two splendid goals.

SUSPENDED FOR PLAYING WITH PENG-SOON  
Singapore, Mar. 7.  
Ferry Sonnevill, one of Indonesia's best badminton players, was suspended, for six months by the Indonesian Badminton Federation for playing an exhibition match with Wong Seng-on, world champion badminton champion. It was reported today.

It was learned that the Indonesian Badminton Federation had previously warned Indonesian players not to play with Wong Seng-on, who was suspended by the Indonesian Association of Badminton for playing an exhibition match with a Chinese player.



## CHAMPIONS DRAW WITH "REST"

# The Army Threes Were Unable To Break Through A Strong Defence

By "PAK LO"

On Saturday afternoon, the Army, Pentangular Tournament winners, drew with the Rest of the Colony XV in a hard and fast game at Sookunpoo by 6 points (1 penalty goal, 1 try) to 6 (1 penalty goal, 1 try).

Previous to this game the Rest of the Services overcame the Rest of the Civilians, as expected, by 17 points (1 goal, 1 drop goal, 3 tries) to 6 points (2 tries) without too much trouble.

In the main game the Army, while winning the lion's share of the set scrums and the line-outs, found that their three were unable to break through a strong defence which marked and tackled well throughout, and left the Army very few openings.

In the Army pack Eve was as usual, outstanding, and Farthing was noticeable in the line-outs, particularly to the referee who penalised him three times for barking. The remainder of the pack followed up well and gave their three plenty of chances.

Argyle had rather an unhappy game, when he was often caught in possession by the fast-breaking Rest of the Colony forwards. However, he kept the ball back often enough, but his three were slow off the mark and a sloppy passing spoiled quite a few dangerous looking moves.

The Rest of the Colony three were the best in defence, though Smith looked happier when in attack.

The Rest of the Colony opened the scoring, although they had not had the territorial advantage, when Davidson gathered a cross kick by Smith, and, running well, crossed the line about half way out. Davidson took the kick, but missed, leaving the Rest with a slender three-point lead which they did not retain for very long.

The Army attacked and only some good kicking by Eden, who sometimes took his job almost too really, kept them at bay. This, in midfield, the Army were awarded a penalty for offside, and Davidson levelled the score with a terrific kick which sailed beautifully between the posts.

**BOUNCED WRONG WAY**

The Army kept up the pressure but half time arrived without any addition to the score. The Army had had plenty of chances in this half, with one or two bits of bad kicking, when they looked like scoring, the ball bounced the wrong way for them.

Yet, despite their definite superiority in the forwards, they just could not finish off their moves.

The second half opened with the Rest attacking and they looked much more settled, but despite this found themselves pushed back to their own 25 within a short time.

On the 25 there was a scrum, and the Army won and sent the ball out to Kibbeton, who neatly avoided a couple of men and scored. Davidson narrowly missed the long kick, thus leaving the Army in their own half with a slender three-point lead.

Play surged back and forth between the two 25s and twice the Army looked dangerous, but some hard tackling by the Rest stopped them, and the ball was cleared of field.

The Rest now got under way in the last few minutes and were awarded a penalty about 35 yards out. Craig took the kick and made no mistake to level the score at 6 points all.

## FARELF Team Boxing Championship

The Hongkong Stage of the FARELF Inter-Unit Team Boxing Championships will be concluded tomorrow when the 1st Battalion, The Dorset Regiment, meet the 1st Battalion, The King's Regiment, in the final at HQ 27 Infantry Brigade, Fanning, with the first bout starting at 2.30 p.m. The Band of the 1st Battalion, The Welch Regiment, will be in attendance.

On their way to the Final, the 1st Battalion, The Dorset Regiment, eliminated the 7th Royal Tank Regiment in the first round by 20 points to 11 and the 1st Battalion The Royal Norfolk Regiment in the semi-final by 19 points to 14.

The 1st Battalion, The King's Regiment, disposed of 6th Composite Ordnance Depot by 18 points to 12 in the first round and the 1st Battalion, The Welch Regiment, by 19 points to 14 in the semi-final.

The winning team will represent Hongkong and Forces and will travel to Singapore on the Empire Trooper leaving on March 13. They will meet the winning team of Singapore Base District in the Semi-Final of the competition proper at Singapore on Monday, March 22, and if they are successful will travel to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to take on the winners of the Malaysia District in the Final on Friday, March 26.

**ARMY "B" TO PLAY REST**

Army "B", Second Division cricket team, will meet the Rest of the division next Sunday at 11.30 a.m. at KCC.

Next, a "B" team will represent The Whittaker (K.C.V.) against the Rest of the division (K.C.V.) at 11.30 a.m. at KCC.

Any team unable to turn up should inform Mr. T. H. Ho, 11, G. Hong Choy, Tel. 5771.

There was no further scoring before the whistle went for "no side".

The Rest of the Colony were lucky indeed to have such a steady lot of players behind the pack and Davis and Mildon were outstanding in defence. In the pack Davidson and Brightwell were good, but the others were a little slow off the mark. In the Army side, beyond Eve, Davidson was about the best.

**FIRST GAME**

The first game of the afternoon opened with a strong attack by the Services, and it looked like a certain score when the forwards took the ball well upfield and then passed it out to their three. Bryan stopped Parker just short of the line and Parker's pass was knocked on.

The Civilians cleared and then in their turn attacked, but could not keep the Services out of their half of the field and it, therefore, came as no surprise when the latter scored. The ball came from a scrum to Taylor and, instead of passing, he set back into the opposition. Some weak passing in his general direction let him through and he ran well to touch down. Bateman missed the conversion, making it 3-0.

The Civilians pressed back, but their three could not seem to settle down and get together. Then there was a scrum in mid-field and the Services got the ball and it went to Bateman who went through the centre and scored. Bateman missed the conversion of his own try, 6-0. Play remained in mid-field until half time.

Almost immediately on the opening of the second half Bateman again got the ball and repeated his previous performance by scoring a try and missing the conversion, 9-0.

The Services kept up the pressure and about five minutes later there was a scrum on the 25 and the ball came out to Parkinson who attempted a drop at goal and succeeded to make the score 12-0.

Then, at last, the Civilians got under way and in mid-field Farquharson took the ball at his feet, and Kilvert, following up behind him, took it on, then flicked it past the full back, and Farquharson took it across the line and touched down. Lambert narrowly missed the long kick, 12-3.

A few minutes later the Civilians, still pressing, scored again when the pack heeled the ball and it went out to Cole who went through on the blind side and scored well out. The kick was missed, 12-6.

In the closing minutes the Services scored again when a good pass to Parkinson sent him off on a lovely weaving run through an ineffective defence to score. Bateman easily converted the kick, making the final score 17-6.

The Services never looked as if they could lose, and they had the territorial advantage for most of the game. The Civilians' two tries came from individual efforts, and there was some very poor passing in the Civilians' three line. The Services played well on the whole and fully deserved their win.

**FIJIAN PLAY TODAY**

This afternoon brings the famed Fijian team on to the field at the Police Recreation ground. Boundary Street, against the Welch Regiment, and despite the fact that the Welch sensibly withdrew Excell and Daniel from Saturday's games in case of injuries, they should still be beaten. But it should be a good fast game and well worth finding time to go and see it.

**KOREA BEATS JAPAN**

Tokyo, Mar. 7. Korea today won by 5-1 the first of two World Cup soccer matches with Japan.

The winner of the matches will compete in the world soccer championship to be held in Switzerland.

If Japan wins the next match on March 14, a third match will have to be played on March 25.

Korea's win on a muddy field—was decided and the team never looked like being beaten. Japan scored first when Takeaki Nagatsuma netted from a penalty. But the Koreans penned the Japanese most of the time in their half and scored twice before half-time.

**RUSSIA WIN TENNIS SERIES**

Adelaide, Mar. 6. South Africa beat Australia by five matches to three in the fourth Lawn Tennis Test today.

South Africa won four of the five matches, which were completed. Russia won today and caused the abandonment of another.

**RUSSIA WIN ICE HOCKEY**

Stockholm, Mar. 7. The Soviet Union won the world ice hockey championship today by 2-0.

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## Former Decathlon Champion Says

# All Countries Should Adopt Standard Rules On Amateurism

Sydney, Mar. 7.

All countries should adopt standard rules on amateurism under which a professional athlete would be one who earns his living solely from playing a sport, says Peter Mullins, former Australian Olympic Games Decathlon representative.

Mullins claims: "No top amateur world athlete is keen to turn professional because he can earn more as an amateur. It will stay that way until there is understanding and agreement between all countries on the distinction between the two fields."

After he finished sixth in the Decathlon at the 1948 Olympic Games at London, Mullins saw amateur sport in most countries and then accepted a scholarship at Washington State College in 1950. He is now a member of the Boston Whirlwinds which recently toured Australia with the Harlem Globetrotters, basketball players extra-hairy.

"Each country looks on the world's amateur and professional as it suits their own book best," said Mullins. "That's where the whole set-up is wrong."

"Way back at the beginning a pro was the fellow who accepted money of any kind. Then some-

one got around that by giving them amateur expenses only. Then they went a step further by giving trophies, then it was open order," Mullins said.

**ANY DIFFERENCE?**

"Amateurs are allowed to accept a dozen watches or an open order to buy anything. For goodness sake, what's the difference between that and taking money?" he asked.

Mullins added: "In my opinion the only definition of a professional is one who earns his living playing a sport. If every country settled for that definition everything would be alright."

"The professional who works at a job and plays a sport as a hobby isn't a professional in my book. According to that ruling there would be mighty few professionals in Australia, and that's the way I think it should be."

Peter didn't forfeit his amateur status to return to Australia with the Boston Whirlwinds. He's receiving only expenses for the trip.

"What is there for me in Australia if I turn pro?" he asked. "And I expect to be back in Australia for good about September."

Peter figures he will have his Master of Science degree in physical education by June and expects to take up teaching job in Australia. He doesn't worry about track and field athletics these days—United Press.

**Bookmaking Experts To Advise Singapore Govt.**

Two bookmaking experts from New Zealand, who are to advise the Government of Singapore and the Federation on how to make more money out of horse racing, arrived in Singapore yesterday.

They are Mr. C. L. Grange, General Manager of the Totalisator Agency Board, New Zealand, and Mr. E. Groom, Chief Accountant of the Board.

These two will meet Government and racing officials today to give them the latest "dope" on the off-the-course betting scheme of New Zealand, which the two Governments are thinking of introducing in Malaysia.

The experts are on their way to England and America—China Mail Special.

## WEEK-END SOFTBALL

# PANDAS LED 5-0 AT THE TOP OF THE FIFTH, BUT THE SAINTS WON 6-5

By "SNOOPER"

The record crowd of softball fans who saw the Saints-Pandas tussle yesterday at King's Park could describe it as a great one, and the only excuse I can find for Jackie Wei's Pandas losing to the Saints by 6-5 after an extra inning is that they let up during a short spell to permit the Saints to stage a fighting comeback and snatch victory from almost certain defeat.

There was sharp contrast in the way both teams preferred to make progress—the Pandas relying on pitcher Jackie Wei for four innings to take a comfortable lead; the Saints making an all-out effort from the fourth after the Pandas' star pitcher and fielders were worried into making mistakes.

The Pandas' style of play in the first four innings was the connoisseur's idea of superb softball. The significant feature of their play is that no fielding errors were committed right into the fifth frame.

In their most unyielding mood, and amazingly quick to seize openings, the Pandas were 5-0 up at the top half of the fifth.

It was certainly all Pandas at this juncture of the game in their point-seeking struggle to stay in the Pennant race. The Saints' batters did not find pitcher Jackie Wei easy to hit and he obviously had control over his deliveries.

Then the Pandas faded at this stage and the Saints revived to play brilliantly after lanky George Saunders was brought home by Arturo Ozorio's sacrifice fly for the Saints' initial run.

The Saints, who reorganised their slide out of sheer desperation after centre-fielder Joaquim Collico had been evidently miscast in that position, improved considerably when Saunders was posted at right field. Showday and All moved to centre field and Sherry Bucks transferred to left field.

**MATTER FOR REGRET**

It is always a matter for regret to see the eclipse of a champion team comprising "ancient" ballplayers, as the spring gone from their legs, and they are battered by a younger and more vigorous squad of scorchers. And that is just how I felt as I watched the Saints' Dave Leonard, Ari Ozorio, Benny Omar, Showday All and Sherry Bucks struggling with their backs to the wall.

Ever since the Saints went down to the Pandas in the first round encounter, there have been ominous signs that the Saints are not the team they were, but all doubts of their ball skill and great fighting qualities were quickly dispelled yesterday as they produced flashes of their old brilliance to nose out the Pandas in a battle royal.

Down 5-0, the Saints came back with a bang to tie up the game at 5-5 at the end of the seventh. They then put on their greatest display to make sure of victory through Benny Omar who crossed the plate on a costly error by catcher S.S. Hsu.

The Saints won and they beat a great ball team because they took fullest advantage of just three innings when their position had figured. The Pandas game was all over. To the discomfort of the Pandas, the shakiness of moundman Jackie Wei was seen at the start of the sixth when he looked visibly worn out.

With "Bambino" Dave Leonard leading the attack, the Saints through Benny Omar, Vic Pedruco and Sherry Bucks were responsible for three valuable runs in this fatal Pandas' inning. The delicate poise and balance deserted shortstop Y. S. Liang and left fielder Allen Cheng when they were changed with two most expensive errors.

permitted the opposition to reduce the lead from 5-1 to 5-4.

Going into the seventh, the Pandas still held a one-run lead and, with their supporters urging them on, they were determined to pull through a thrill-packed game.

They were given an excellent chance in the seventh as third baseman Wally Ma, catcher S. Hsu and first baseman Harold Ong loaded the bases with one away. With the Saints' stirring refusal to admit defeat, both left fielder Allen Cheng and pitcher Jackie Wei were caught out.

**EVENTUAL SALVATION**

It was first baseman Ray Adegaar who first sowed the seed of hope and eventual salvation for the Saints when he scored a good hit to centre field. Adegaar was then advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Arturo Ozorio and was brought home for the tying run through catcher Ignar Erickson's hit to left field.

The Pandas failed to score in the eighth. In this vital eighteenth inning, pure strategy was all that counted in the elementary softball art of scoring runs, and to such superb effect that the game was remembered by all who saw it as one of the highlights of the softball season.

With Benny Omar on first, Pedroco was instructed to perform a sacrifice bunt and it was a military move on his part to advance Omar to third.

Sherry Bucks was next given orders to hit to third to drive home Omar and his hit provided the perfect play when S.S. Hsu fumbled on the best game of the League.

After the game, the Pandas were trying to fathom the almost unbelievable. They played like true champions and were ahead by 5-0, but the big lead had been cut away from right under them.

They had forgotten that the almost unbelievable happened last year when the Saints, trailing by 3-0 in the seventh, performed the almost improbable when George Saunders registered a grand slam homer to give them a 4-3 victory over the Pandas.

**HOPES SHATTERED**

Any hopes the Pandas had of winning this year's Pennant were practically shattered yesterday by the Saints as they have so far dropped four games. The reversal upset the Pandas' plans, but for the Saints it was a step nearer their Pennant goal.

The Saints, who meet Mak Kwong's Chinese Athletic Association on Sunday in the deciding game, were given excellent chances of regaining the Pennant by yesterday's victory and they should beat the CAA ballplayers who have a ragged defence against the Braves yesterday, going down miserably by 7-1 in a lopsided game.

Prominent batters for the Saints were Vic Pedruco, two in three, Dave Leonard, George Saunders, Benny Omar and Ignar Erickson.

For the Pandas, Y. S. Liang and Sherry Bucks were in fine batting form with two hits apiece.

**WELL REWARDED**

After four disappointing games by the Braves, those who follow the fortunes of the Tribe were rewarded with a splendid display yesterday when their favourite team whipped Mak Kwong's Chinese Athletic Association 7-1.

The CAA softballers were gripped with Pennant fever and were so jittery from the outset that no fewer than three costly errors were made by infielders in the first inning.

The Braves, taking every possible chance, scored four runs and added another three runs in the third frame to win without serious opposition.

My player of the Braves-CAA tussle was moundman Jack Brown who did the right thing at the right time. The highlight of the batting display was the three-bagger of catcher Manuel Gutierrez. Singles were scored by Jack Brown and Junior Remedios. For the CAA, Seldon Ma and C. M. Tang were successful with a hit apiece.

**TRIPLE TIE**

Victim of a University nine-run spree in the first inning was Americans' pitcher Daned Remedios, who was yanked by manager Bob Suzman. With Jack Bordwell pitching, the Americans were right back in the picture, scoring six runs in the first, seven runs in the

second and an additional seven runs in the third to put the game on ice.

With this victory the Americans are back where they were last season—in the Final Play-off series with Jimmy Herriek's Pandas and Bill Silva's Braves for the Senior "B" Pennant.

To the disappointment of a good number of fans, Jack Carveho's Wildfires failed to field a full team against the Delawares in the crucial 11th. Without lifting their bats, the Delawares yesterday walked into the final round and this is a matter for much regret as the League schedules have been announced well in advance. Some days ago, the Wildfires humbled the University 8-2.

**COLLEENS WIN**

Who could rightly expect good softball from the Wahoes "A" when pitcher Terry Noronha was weakened by a badly injured hand? But it was astonishing to see the Wahoes' pitcher going the distance against a full-strength Colleens nine who triumphed by 14-7 to virtually garner the Senior Ladies' Pennant.

Best fielder on view yesterday was Colleens' shortstop Antonia Remedios who certainly saved the Colleens with a sparkling performance.

Antonia drew rounds of applause for her home run and earned recognition as one of the finest shortstops with a picture-book catch which prevented the Wahoes from scoring at least three runs in the third. It was an excellent hit by Dolly Brown and in a most awkward position, Antonia stopped it with a great leap.

The Wahoes' outfield, the Colleens' 10-7, but their batting, brilliant as it is, cannot always be expected to compensate for a breakdown in defence. Even the six-time champion Wahoes cannot afford the luxury of weakness in the infield and it was on this infield vulnerability that the Colleens concentrated.

The weakness of Dolly Brown on first was evident and the errors committed by both pitcher Terry Noronha and Dolly Brown were sufficient for the Colleens to register four runs in the second inning. The Colleens maintained their grand display to score in every inning for a well-deserved victory.

The Colleens' fielding was as strong as the Wahoes' was weak and Benny Remedios, on first, and Sally Sun, on third, gave an impressive showing. In the outfield Pamela Hall, Dolly Norman and Diane Pires lived up to expectations.

For the Wahoes, Stella Correa, Terry Noronha and Irene Starkey were the successful batters with two hits apiece.

In the Junior League, the Pandas' trounced the Rookies 23-4 while the Comets humbled the Cubs 10-4.

The Chinese Athletic Association first team were given a makeover by the PI Dodgers to maintain their leadership, two games ahead of the Pandas in the latest standings.

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## Austrians Win World Skiing Championships

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Based on an allocation of seven points for a win, five for a second, four for a third and so on down to zero, the Austrians team scored 59 points with Switzerland second with 39.5.

France was third with 28.5 points, Norway fourth with 23, and the United States fifth with 12. Sixth and seventh were West Germany 10, and Sweden 8.

Japanese skiers failed to get within the limits required to score—France-Press.



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## This Plan Will Not Mean Cheaper Suits

Washington, Mar. 7. Agriculture Department spokesmen said today they do not expect the administration's new wool support programme to mean cheaper suits, coats or other woollens.

The advantage, they said, would be savings to the taxpayers who have paid out US\$92 million on past wool supports.

The new wool programme—dubbed by some officials as the Brannan Plan in Sheep's Clothing—was approved this week by the Senate Agriculture Committee and is pending before the House Committee.

Under the programme, the Government would support wool prices by direct payments to wool growers when need is financed by wool tariff receipts. Currently, the government buys wool from producers at support prices. It had lost US\$92 million on the operation up to Jan. 1.

The spokesmen said even if the new programme drops domestic wool prices "a few cents" the decrease likely would not be passed on to consumers for this reason.

The price of raw wool accounts for only about 14 cents of the \$1 spent on a suit. The rest goes for marketing, manufacturing and distribution costs.

The reason the removal of price supports, as such, is not expected to cause such change in domestic wool prices is that free market prices are "rigid," along generally above the support price.—United Press.

## Moslem League Faces Test At East Bengal Elections

Karachi, Mar. 8. The Moslem League Party, which has ruled Pakistan since the birth of the country six and a half years ago, faces the greatest challenge to its power today when East Bengal goes to the polls to elect a new provincial legislature.

Important issues have raised the election to a national status for the lush jute fields and green forests of East Bengal are the home of more than half Pakistan's 70 million people, and the province is a major source of economic wealth. But of the 20 millions who will vote today only about 20 per cent can read, and even fewer can write.

The Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Mohammed Ali, who is also the President of the Moslem League, has personally led his party's election campaign supported by every prominent member and Miss Fatima Jinnah, sister of the late Mohammed Ali Jinnah, founder of Pakistan.

Political observers are reluctant to predict the outcome of the election, though it was generally felt the Moslem League would come through with a majority.

The election gives an opportunity to the opposition parties to make an effective bid for power for the first time. It is a straight fight between the Moslem League, standing on its record, and an Opposition front of Moslems, Hindus, Communists and left wingers, united solely to defeat the League.

The election campaign has been characterised by much violence. According to official statements, more than 200 people have been arrested so far, including five Opposition candidates. The five candidates were released two days ago.

Voting, originally fixed for three weeks ago, was postponed until today "to give sufficient time to candidates and electorate to do justice to their task."

The jute trade is a prominent issue in the election campaign. Most of the Opposition parties are demanding its nationalisation. The 1953 collapse of world commodity prices and the falling demand for Pakistan's jute brought great hardship to the small peasant growers.—Reuter.

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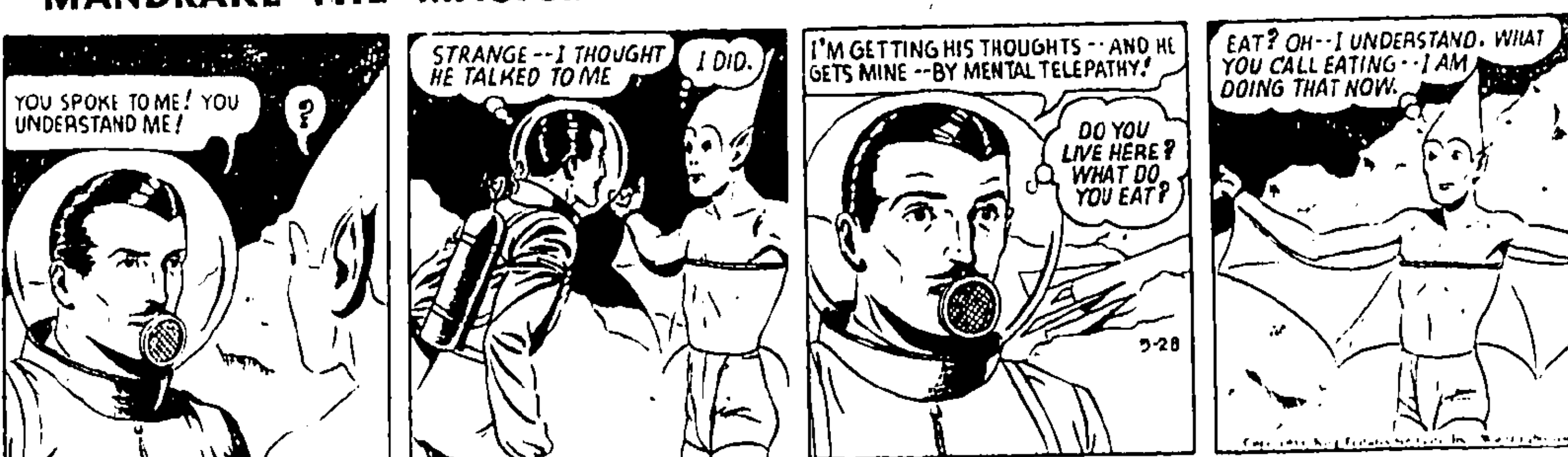
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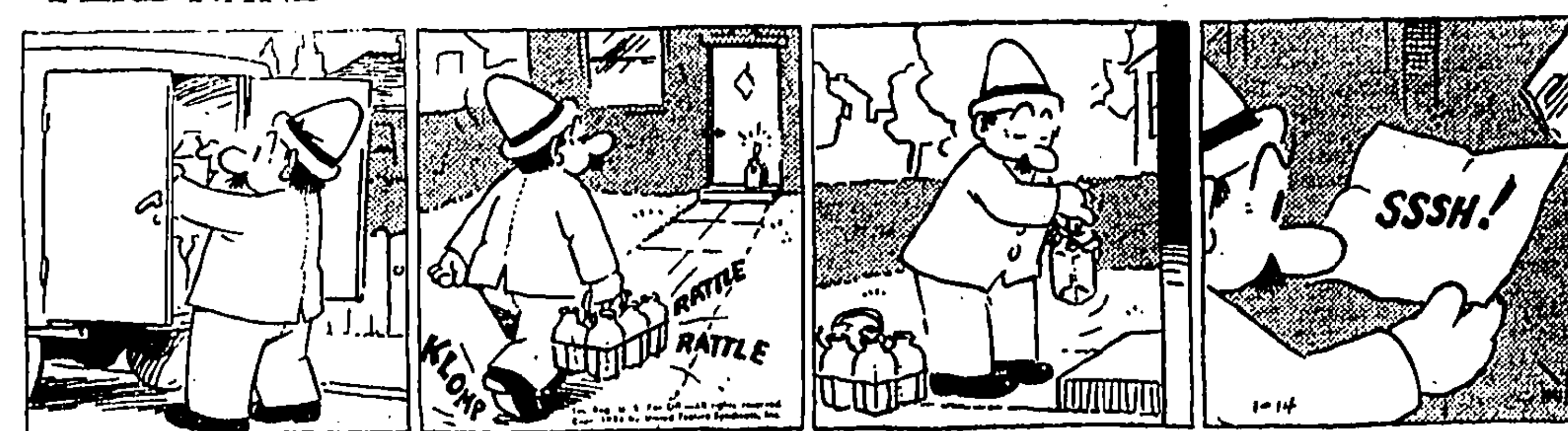
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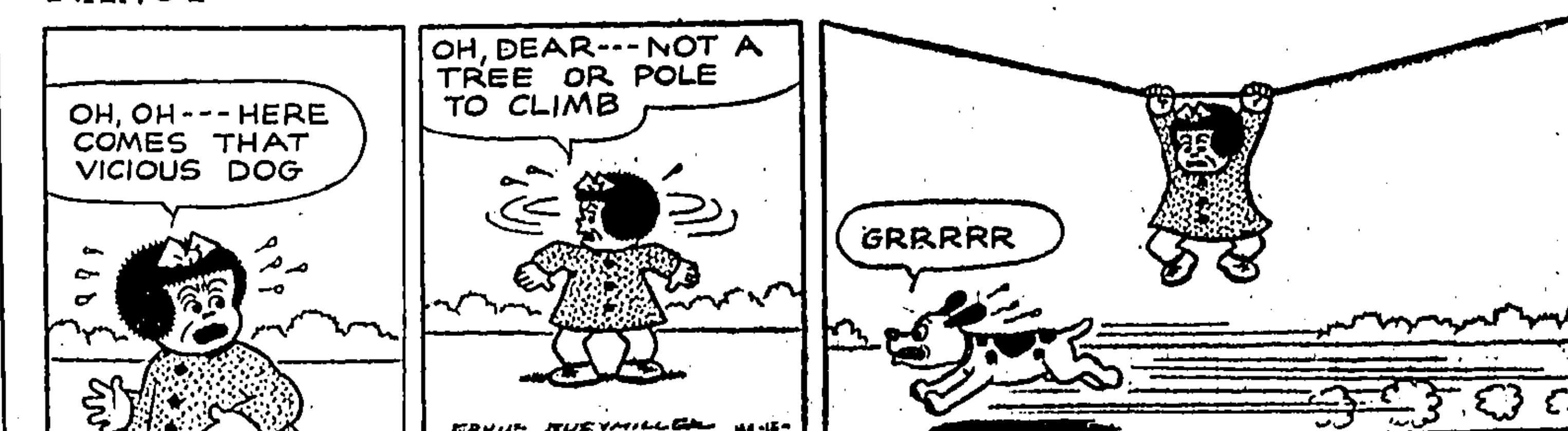
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India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.

By Surface

Macao, 2 p.m.  
Philippines, 2 p.m.

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By Surface

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China, Peoples Republic, 8.30 a.m.  
Formosa, 9 a.m.  
Indonesia, 9 a.m.  
Macao, 2 p.m.  
Philippines, 2 p.m.

ATOMIC PLANTS FOR AIR BASES

Washington, Mar. 7.

American air bases in the Arctic may be equipped with small portable atomic power plants to provide electricity without relying on fuel oil or coal, the Atomic Energy Commission announced tonight.

At the request of the Defense Department, it is canvassing private firms to see which would be willing and able to build an experimental version of a small nuclear power plant.

The engineer corps is collaborating in the project, which may also be used in wartime operations.—Reuter.

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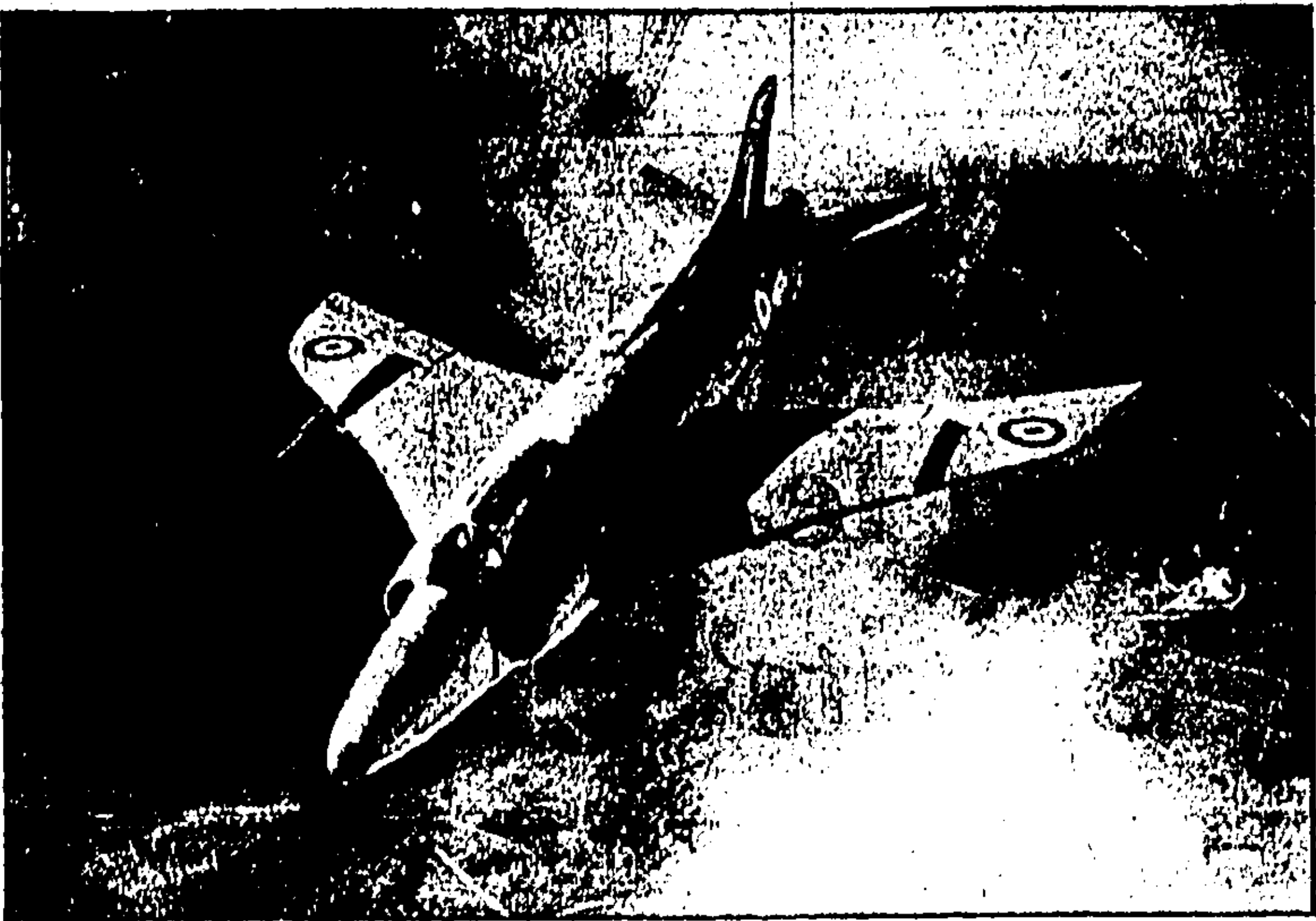
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## The Swifts Begin Squadron Service



This is a picture of the Vicker-Supermarine Swift Mark IV piloted on this occasion by Supermarine's chief test pilot, Mr Michael Lithgow.

Latest Round-Up of British Aviation News

## Speeding Up Testing Of New Jets For Squadron Service

This week's round-up of Aviation news from London tells you about the Ministry of Supply's new policy for testing new planes, about a new short take-off transport aircraft developed by a Scottish firm, and gives you details of the British Government's new defence plan for the air force, as well as other interesting items from the British aviation world. This material is supplied to the China Mail by authoritative experts on Aviation—the Society of British Aircraft Manufacturers, and is sent by airmail from London each week.

The Ministry of Supply has evolved a new policy for testing new planes. It involves only one test flight, instead of the three or four that were previously required. The idea is to cut down the development time period by as much as a year.

At present, a new plane, together with subsequent modifications which are made result in a delay of about three years between the time a plane is designed and its eventual introduction into the air force.

Another reason for ordering a large number of prototypes at once, it is understood, is to overcome any hold-up in testing resulting from a crash. Officials believe the increased expenditure at the development stage would largely offset by savings in production costs later.

The new policy has been applied to a secret new jet fighter which, it was revealed this week, could break the sound-barrier in level flight. At one, it is still on the secret list, not even its name can be divulged. Vickers-Supermarine, maker of the Saft, are known to be working on a new fighter but there is no confirmation whether the R.A.F.'s "secret jet" is the same one.

At last the Swifts are joining the R.A.F. News from London last week said the R.A.F.'s first complete Swift fighter squadron had been formed. Hunters would join the service later this year.

In aviation circles these days it is accepted that all new jets are obsolescent, sometimes even before they fly, so rapidly do new designs and developments supersede them. One wonders how near the Swift is to becoming obsolete with the announcement of the new jet fighter.

The English Electric Canberra is beginning to leave bomber duties in England and to be replaced by the Vickers "Valiant". It was announced last year that Canberras would in future fulfil the role of Photographic Reconnaissance aircraft.

During the past year Britain's Aircraft Industry received important contracts under the off-shore programme through which the United States places orders for military equipment produced in Great Britain for the use of NATO forces. It is hoped that as a result of current discussion, further orders will be placed with the industry.

Good progress has been made in the past year with new radar equipment, especially for Britain's radar chain. Several important new types of radar and radio are present in the laboratory will be in production in the next few years.

The first flight is expected later this year of a new British twin-engine transport aircraft designed specifically for operations from very small landing grounds. Carrying its full load of 18 passengers, it will be able to take off from rough, unimproved fields about 200 yards long or less.

Called the Swift Pioneer, the new aircraft is being built by

Scottish Aviation, whose Pioneer, a smaller single-engine transport with excellent short take-off characteristics, is being used by the British Services in Malaya. It is powered by two Alvis Leonides piston-engines.

To hasten the successful development of the Twin Pioneer, the Ministry of Supply is giving some technical and financial assistance to the constructors. Work is well advanced on the prototype, and commercial operators from areas where geographic or economic conditions limit the size of the landing grounds are already showing great interest. The Services are also known to be following its development closely.

### Conventional Design

Although the Twin Pioneer is an all-metal aircraft, many features of its design are rarely found in the jet age. It has a long wing of high aspect ratio, generous provision with flaps, and a tail section of conventional design.

The wing is mounted high on the fuselage and is slatted. Because the plane is designed to operate from rough, unimproved surfaces, it has a fixed undercarriage with twin wheels and a tail wheel.

Maximum cruising speed is 174 mph—the stalling speed with flaps down and engine off is 47.5 mph.

The plane can be adapted for use as a freighter, or as an ambulance, holding nine stretchers, four walking casualties or medical attendants.

Among the features of the design which have been developed to make this a rugged "bus" transport which does not need elaborate servicing or ground facilities is a folding passenger cabin door—the lower part of which lets down to form a short entrance gangway, so that there is no need for steps.

The Alvis Leonides piston-engines which have been chosen to power the Twin Pioneer have already accumulated thousands of hours experience in many parts of the world with commercial operators and with the Services.

The re-equipment and expansion of Coastal Command with long-range patrol aircraft, which has been taking place over the past year, will be further extended in the coming twelve months.

A new training technique is being introduced for pilots, and for the first time new pilots will gain their wings on jet aircraft after a comparatively short time on a piston-engined trainer.

Air troopings is expanding. The Secretary of State for Air says that during the past year, approximately 80 per cent of all troop movements to the Middle East were made by air. In the coming year, the Air Ministry is planning for the first time to institute a regular air troop service to the Far East. The statement adds that the Air Ministry is examining in detail possible ways in which some of the new turbine-powered com-

mercial transports now under development could be used for troop service.

Britain's Defence Estimates for 1954-55 provide for an expenditure of £491m. for the Air Force out of a total defence budget of £1,640m; aircraft form the largest single item in expenditure on production, accounting for £1,566m.

Over half of this money will be spent on jet aircraft, and over half of it on jet bombers and swept wing fighters. There will be large deliveries of Swift and Hunter fighters during the coming year, and deliveries of the first V-class bombers, the four jet Valiants.

Three of the Royal Navy's new aircraft carriers now under construction are expected to be completed in the coming year. They will be fitted with the angled deck, the steam catapult and improved arresting gear.

About £25m. is being spent on naval aircraft, about a third as much again as last year. The development and introduction of helicopters for naval work is proceeding.

The Government's defence policy, which foresees a gradual change in "the direction and balance" of Britain's defence effort, will mean that still greater emphasis will be placed on the Royal Air Force because of the need to build up a strategic bomber force and because of the importance of guided missiles in air defence.

This new emphasis, says the Government, will take some time to reveal itself as increased allocations of funds to the Air Ministry.

The Atomic Bomb Deterrent Atomic weapons are in production in Britain now and delivery to the Air Force has begun. The atomic bomb remains "the primary deterrent to aggression," states the Minister of Defence. "We intend as soon as possible to build up in the Royal Air Force a force of modern bombers capable of using the atomic weapon to the fullest effect. A strong and efficient force of medium bombers is of the greatest importance to us, both for our own security and for the defence of Western Europe. The Air Force has the major deterrent role."

Guided missiles have now reached an advanced stage of development. "The past year has seen the successful testing of experimental rockets at Woomera. These trials forecast the most important developments in air defence since the invention of radar."

The first of these weapons will be air-to-air missiles launched from piloted fighters; they will be fitted to the Swifts and Hunters now being introduced to Air Force squadrons, thus replacing the standard aircraft cannon and making the fighter as a lethal weapon something like four times as efficient. Following these air-to-air weapons will be surface-to-air weapons, the statement by the Secretary of State for Air makes it clear, however, that when the first ground-launched weapons are introduced "they will be supplementary, and not supplant, the piloted aircraft."

# TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## DECLINE IN DOLLAR EARNINGS FEARED

### Effects Of US Recession Seen In Returns

From Our Correspondent

London, Mar. 7. The February movement in the gold and dollar reserves shows the Sterling Area is beginning to be affected by the recession in the United States.

No firm conclusions can be drawn from a study of gold movements in any one month but taken in conjunction with the recent performances the February return underlines the deterioration that has taken place in that part of the reserves which reflects for the most part the Sterling Area's trading balance with North America.

Excluding gold received in part settlement of the area's surplus with the European Payments Union in January and receipts of American defence aid, the "genuine" gold and dollar surplus for February was only \$2 million.

This compares with a genuine surplus of \$14 million in January and average surpluses of \$64 million in the fourth quarter and \$31 million in the third quarter of 1953. In February last year the residual balance was \$74 million.

In the six months since July 1953 industrial production in the United States declined by eight per cent. It is both surprising and encouraging therefore that the Sterling Area has not run into more serious trouble. Its gold and dollar reserves are rising much more slowly than in the early months of last year—but the fact remains they are still rising.

The question is whether the reserves will continue to rise in coming months. There is

## NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Mar. 7. The stock market all but achieved the magic 300-level in the industrial average during the past week, a level touched in only 10 months of stock market history back in 1929.

As the market closed the week with the industrial average at a new high since Oct. 25, 1929, old-time traders recalled that in the last few minutes of trading on Dec. 31, 1929, Stocks hit 300 for the first time and closed the year at that figure.

The year 1929 witnessed a bull market until Sept. 3 when the industrial average closed at 318.17. From then on it fell, and a bear market prevailed until mid-1932 when prices were deflated as never before.

Prices declined from 300 before the end of Oct. 1929, and have never touched that figure since.

Reasons for the rise this week contained nothing new except some glowing 1953 annual reports that had been in part anticipated too.

### TAX RELIEF

The hope of early tax relief under a bill now in production giving business and individual taxpayers more spendable income, sustained interest and boosted averages.

Here are the market statistics: Volume—10,140,070 shares, most for any week since April 11, 1953, when the total was 10,277,860 shares. Daily average volume was 2,026,105, against 1,951,183 last week when the market was cut to four days by the Washington birthday holiday.

Averages closings: Industrial, 299.45, up 4.91 points from last week; railroad, 102.99, up 0.79; utility, 64.92, up 0.25; and a new high since Sept. 8, 1951, and 65 stocks, 113.35, up 1.32 points.

Issues—A total of 1,436 issues appeared on the tapes, most since Feb. 19, 1953, when there were 1,444 issues. Of this week's group, 835 gained, most since Feb. 5, 407 lost, also most since Feb. 5, and 123 held steady. A total of 204 issues were in the first quarter of 1954, and 123 held steady. A total of 165 issues were in the first quarter of 1953.—United Press.

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$317,280. Noon quotations and the morning's dealings—

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